

## Social Security Representative Will Be In Grayling January 6th

The Social Security Representative will be at the Crawford County Court House on Michigan Avenue in Grayling from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 1976.

The representative will be there to meet with people who wish to apply for Social Security benefits, for Supplemental Security Income payments or for Medicare.

The representative will also be available to answer questions and discuss other Social Security matters.

Please note the Social Security representative will also be coming to Grayling on Tuesday, January 20, 1976.

For further information, call (616) 946-8360, the Traverse City Social Security District Office.

## Cross Country Ski Races

A "citizens race" for cross country ski enthusiasts is scheduled for 12:00 noon January 10th at the Grayling Winter Sports Park located at Bear Mountain, 1 1/2 miles west of Grayling. The race for novices, intermediates, and expert cross country skiers is a warm up for the United States Ski Association sanctioned Region III race to be held at the same location January 24th.

The race will have men's and women's divisions in three categories: Juniors, age 11-18, Seniors age 18-32, and Veterans age 32 and over. The Junior category has 4 age classes, class I, 11 and under; class II, 11-13; class III, 13-15; and class IV, 15-18. Interested skiers may pre-register by contacting the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, (517) 348-3336 or may register prior to the race! The race is open to the general public.

## Local Students Make Television Special

On Wednesday evening, December 17th, the Grayling Bell Ringers and the Grayling Chorale spent the afternoon in Mt. Pleasant video-taping a television special which will be broadcast on Channels 6 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and then re-broadcast as a Christmas Day Special at 11:30 a.m. The program is a thirty minute special of Christmas Music which features the Grayling Bell Ringers and the recently organized Chorale.

The Grayling Bell Ringers have been performing now for more than a year and during the past summer their popularity grew greatly because of their performances at various functions in Northern Michigan, including the State Convention of Soil Conservation Districts.

When requests for performances during the Christmas Season began pouring in, it was decided that an attempt be made to organize a chorale to travel with the Bell Ringers and present a full program of Christmas Music at various places throughout northern Michigan. The Bell Ringers and Chorale began their tour on December 1st and completed it in a home performance at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium on December 20th. During the course of their tour, the two Grayling groups traveled almost 800 miles and performed for over two thousand people. The students were met with much acclaim and praise at the end of each performance and several inquiries have already been received concerning future performances. Each concert on the tour was closed with the carol Silent Night and a special wish to all members of the communities visited for a very Merry Christmas and a joyous and bountiful New Year, from all of the people of Grayling.

## State Police Urge Cooperation In Travel Safety Through Holidays

With Michigan showing a lower traffic death toll for a second year in a row, State Police Director Col. George L. Halverson today urged motorists cooperation in extending this improvement in travel safety through the holiday periods to the year end.

Halverson pointed out that the holiday season provides an especially appropriate time for motorists and pedestrians to show good will and concern for safety by exerting extra attention toward traffic accident prevention.

He cautioned that general holiday excitement can distract motorists from giving full attention to hazards of reduced visibility, snowy or icy roads and excessive speeds. He also urged motorists to refrain from driving if their holiday celebrating includes any immoderate drinking.

Michigan for only the second time in 12 years will have a traffic death toll below 2,000 this year. Last year the toll was 2,000.

(See State Police on page 2)

## Bear Introduces New High - Impact Compound Bow Archery Caddies



## Avalanche Publication Dates For Christmas and New Year's Issues

With Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Thursday this year, the Avalanche will have different publication days those two weeks.

The Christmas edition will be printed on Monday afternoon, December 22nd, with deadline for news and advertising copy at 5:00 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19th.

The New Year's edition will be printed early Tuesday morning, December 30th, with a deadline at noon on Monday, December 29th.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

# Crawford County Avalanche

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A miraculous star shone in the heavens that Holy Night the Savior was born. For nearly two thousand years that bright spirit has flourished as we rejoice each Christmas season; and reaffirm our faith in His Holy Birth. May His true spirit abide with you through the Holy Season and for all time.

## The Avalanche and Staff

### Chamber Resolution

At a special board meeting December 17, 1975 the Board of Directors of the Grayling Regional Chamber passed the following resolution regarding the current labor-management differences at Bear Archery Co:

"It is hereby resolved that the Board of Directors of the Grayling Regional Chamber encourages action from labor and management that will enable Grayling, Michigan to continue to be the Archery Capital of the world... now and in the future."

The Avalanche — Your Want Ad Paper

### Senior Citizens Sponsor Essay Contest

During the course of the first part of the school year, the Senior Citizens Center in conjunction with the English Department of Grayling High School sponsored an essay contest related to the area of Senior Citizens.

In order to give the students some background concerning Senior Citizen programs in our area, Mrs. Lora Gould, Director of the Senior Citizens Center in Crawford County, came to the high school English classes to speak on the topic of senior citizens.

Mrs. Gould augmented her talk with two movies that helped illustrate to the students what it means to be a senior citizen. Armed with a better background, the students were able to develop essays related to this subject area.

Prizes were awarded in two categories: one twenty-five dollar award for the best essay in the 9th and 10th grade division; one twenty-five dollar award for the best essay in the 11th and 12th grade division.

In the first division, the winner was 10th grader Craig Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart. The winner of the second division was the late Chuck MacLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald MacLeod. The title of Craig's essay was, "Senior Citizens - Give Them A Chance." Chuck's Essay was "How I Feel About Senior Citizens In Our Society Today."

The contest itself not only provided a challenge for the students as a chance to win an award for writing, but also developed an awareness of the Senior Citizen program.

Many students were amazed at all of the things that the Senior Citizens Center does for people of this age group in Crawford County.

A thank you goes out from the students of Grayling High School to Mrs. Gould for providing them with a rewarding experience, and to Mr. Hannan for helping to organize this contest.

### Vikings Still Looking For First Cage Win

The Grayling Vikings ended their 1975 portion of their basketball season on a winless note, when the Petoskey Northmen sank the Vikes, 60-40, in conference action here last Friday.

On Tuesday night last week, the Vikes dropped an 87-75 decision to the Kalkaska Blue Blazers in a non-league contest.

It has been a rough start for the Vikings under new coach, Fred Wolcott, but, there is plenty of time for them to put it together before tournament play starts.

Coach Tom Mills' JV's have faced the same problems as they lost to the little Blazers, 50-35, and to Petoskey, 56-39.

Following the holiday break, the Vikings will be back in action on Tuesday, January 6th when they journey to Boyne City.

HAVE A "MERRY CHRISTMAS" — DRIVE WITH CARE —

### Gifts To County Library

Col. Hardin Sweeney contributed the following books: "The World in 1776" by Davidson, "Railroads in America" by Jensen, "Rip Van Winkle and the Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving.

George Bielak, Sr. brought in a book entitled "The Story of America" published by the Readers Digest. It is a lovely Bicentennial issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wert donated a book entitled "Needlepoint for Everyone" in memory of Helen Griffith.

The following books were given in memory of Charles MacLeod: "The Greatest" by Muhammad Ali, "Cry of the Ancients" by Grey Owl and Little Pigeon, "The Best of the Athletic Boys" by J. Newcombe, and "Fatu-Hiva" by Thor Heyerdahl.

The ladies of the Eagles Lodge made a gift of \$100.00. With this gift the following books of standard size but with large print were purchased:

"Crocodile on the Sandbank" by Peters, "A Glimpse of Paradise" by Hale, "Case of Fenced in Woman" by Gardner, "A Nun in the Closet" by Gilman, "Knights of the Range" by Grey, "Light House" by Price, "All Creatures Great and Small" by Herriot, "All Things Bright and Beautiful" by Herriot, "Something More" by Marshall, and "Our John Willie" by Cookson.

The library gratefully acknowledges the above gifts. We know that many will acquire pleasure and learning because of these lasting donations.

### WARNING

"Inactive Duty Training will be conducted by units of the Michigan Air National Guard during the period 24, 27, 30 and 31 Dec 75."

The Air to Ground Range located on the Airfield Range near Gutter Lake north of County Road 912 will be used.

This range will be closed during the above dates and all persons are warned to stay out of this area.

## Winter Sports Time In Crawford County

With the first snowfall of the season, Grayling and surrounding Crawford County, are transformed into a winter wonderland... much to the delight of winter sports enthusiasts. Snowmobilers tune up their machines, and skiers wax their skis in anticipation of the onslaught of winter. For them, winter is a season to be enjoyed, not merely endured.

An annual snowfall of over 120" draws many to the Grayling area, the heart of Northern Michigan's snow country. With more public land (70% of the county) than any other county in the lower peninsula, Crawford County offers snowmobilers and cross country skiers room to roam freely in the pine forests of the region.

There are eight, well marked trails, spanning over 200 miles, which lure snowmobile enthusiasts, as well as over 200,000 acres of scramble country.

Food, lodging, and repair facilities are located within a stone's throw of the trails and city and county ordinances allow easy access to the trails. For alpine skiers, Crawford County has two fine ski facilities. Skyline and the Grayling Winter Sports Park. Skyline Ski Club, is the ideal ski park, for those who want to spend their time skiing rather than waiting in long lift lines. With twelve slopes, Skyline offers bunny slopes for beginners, skill sharpening runs for intermediate skiers, and challenging slopes for experts. Night skiing is available Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Grayling Winter Sports Park, a community operated facility, is also open to the public. A wide variety of slopes are serviced by a T-bar and rope tows. Rentals and instruction are available at both areas.

A rapidly growing winter sport, cross country skiing, has been enjoyed by local residents for over 50 years. Two areas in the county have been developed for cross country ski buffs, seeking the solitude of a scenic excursion through the forest. Thirty-two miles of trails (9 loops) have been groomed at the Grayling Winter Sports Park (Bear Mt.). The terrain ranges from gently rolling hills to flat lands.

At Hartwick Pines State Park, over 5000 acres have been set aside for cross country skiing. The area has been designated a "quiet zone" off limits to all motorized vehicles. Also of interest to visitors is the forestry interpretive center and logging museum at Hartwick Pines (opened weekends, during the winter months). A full scale Lumberjack camp has been recreated as a reminder of the area's logging heritage.

People of all ages enjoy a visit to the Fred Bear Museum, with its display of ancient and modern hunting artifacts and wild game trophies from around the world.

The exhibit is a part of the collection of forty years of hunting and travel by Fred Bear, world famous bowhunter. The museum is open daily 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Make this the winter you come out of hibernation. Enjoy the varied winter activities available in Grayling, and Crawford County, Michigan.

For detailed information, please write to the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and ask for our free 36 page brochure.

## People Can Work-Earn More & Still Get Their Social Security Benefits

In 1976 social security beneficiaries under 72 who work can earn more and still get their social security benefits, according to Dale Averill, social security district manager in Traverse City. Beneficiaries, other than those under a disability, can earn up to \$2760 next year without losing any of their benefits, Averill said. The 1975 limitation is \$2520.

Even if earnings exceed \$2760 next year, a beneficiary may not lose all his benefits. He forfeits only one dollar in benefits for every \$2.00 he makes over the \$2760 limitation. No matter how much total yearly earnings are, benefits are not lost for any month in which a person neither earns over \$230 in wages nor works substantially in his own business.

There will also be a change in the amount of earnings taxable by social security, Averill said, from \$14,100 in 1975 to \$15,300 in 1976. The actual tax rate will not increase however. It will remain at the current rate of 5.85% each for employee and employer. Self employed people will continue to pay 7.9% on their self employment income.

These increases in the amount of covered earnings and the amount one can earn without losing any of his social security benefits are tied to our inflationary economy, and became possible because of amendments to the Social Security Act in 1972.

In the past it was assumed benefits and the earnings base would remain at the level then described in the law, and that the average earnings in covered employment would also remain relatively stable. Recognizing that this concept was no longer valid the law was changed to provide benefit increases commensurate with annual Consumer Price Index increases, and earnings base increases which are prompted by increases in average earnings levels.

Generally speaking as average earnings levels increase, so will the wage base covered by social security. The ultimate result is higher monthly social security benefits.

Social security currently pays over \$5 1/2 billion a month in retirement, disability and survivors benefits to over 31 million people in Crawford County. Social security pays \$205,000.00 per month of 1,400 beneficiaries.

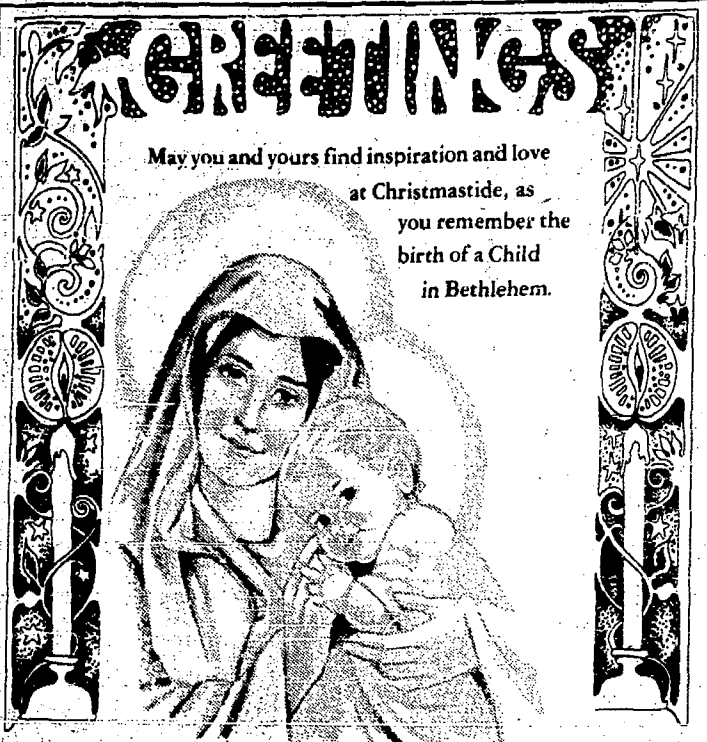
## Our Weather

(Courtesy of Chuck Flick)

Dec.	Hi-Low	Snow
15	56-26	0
16	28-18	0
17	28-11	2.5
18	18-7	4.5
19	11-4	6.0
20	26-10	7.0
21	29(-5)	6.0

## Avalanche Notice

In order to give our staff a little extra time off during the holiday season, the Avalanche office will be closed all day on Wednesday, December 24th, and also Wednesday, December 31st.



May you and yours find inspiration and love  
at Christmastide, as  
you remember the  
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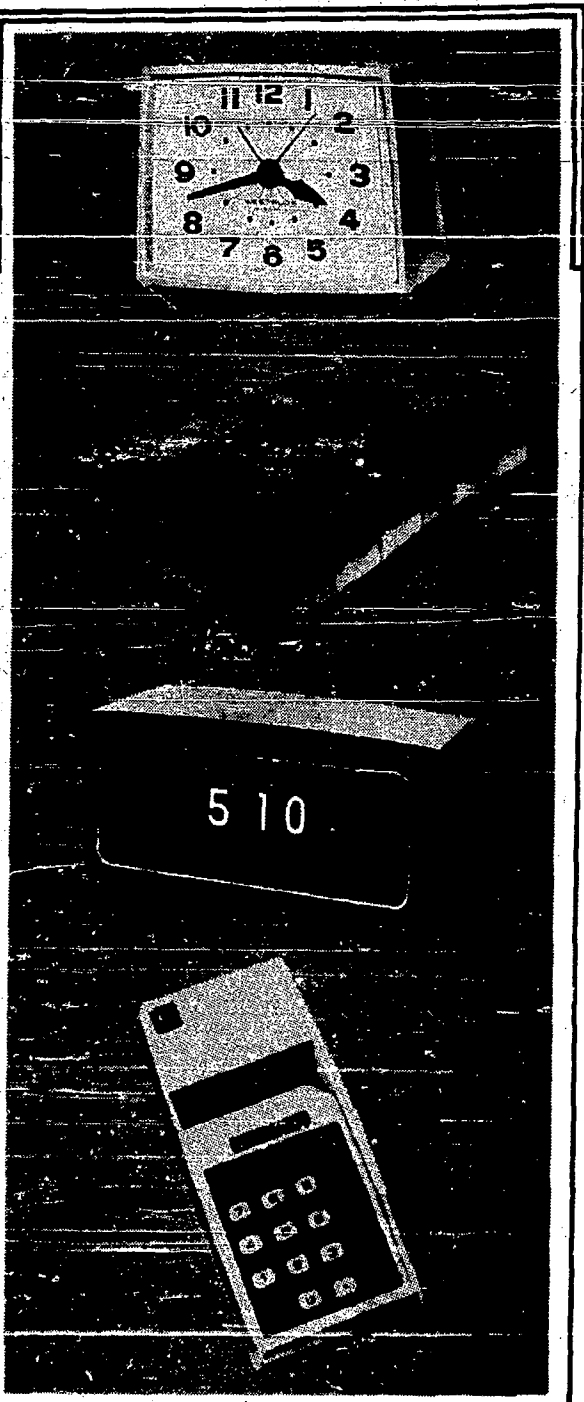
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### District Court

The following appeared in the 33rd District court before Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Steven Bechtel, 19, of Yale, Robert Arnold Burch, 21, of Roscommon and John Rusch, 19, of Port Huron demanded preliminary examination and was bound over to circuit court on a charge of armed robber. The trio was arrested November 22nd by Sheriff's Deputies. Bechtel received a \$2000 cash-surety bond, Rusch received a \$5000 cash/surety bond and Burch received a \$10,000 cash-surety bond.

Richard Lewis Plekniek, 22, of Grayling pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Total fines and costs were \$254.00 or 30 days in jail and 6 months probation. He was arrested by city policemen October 29.

Leslie W. Farrell, 36 of Vanderbilt, pleaded guilty to a charge of DUI. Total fine and costs were \$204.00 or 14 days in jail. He was arrested June 3 by Sheriff's deputies.

William H. Diener, 22, of St. Clair Shores entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of careless use of a firearm. Total fine and costs were \$154.00 or 14 days in jail. He was arrested by Conservation Officers November 17.

Edward John Martello, 17 pleaded guilty to a charge of careless driving. Total fine and costs were \$34.00 or 4 days in jail. He was arrested by Sheriff's Deputies November 19.

Kenneth Lynn Vaughn, 38 of Houghton Lake, pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving—2nd offense. Total fine and costs were \$304.00 or 30 days in jail. He was arrested by the Sheriff's deputies August 9.

Luis Targino of Forterteza, Brazil, arrived last Friday to spend until some time in January with the Larry McNamara family. She is a sister to Isabel Targino, who spent 6 months with the McNamaras as a YFU exchange student in 1974 and Luis is herself an exchange student for the year now living in East Point, Georgia. She says she loves the United States and was enthusiastic over the snow because it was the first snow she has ever seen.

All of the Knibbs family will be spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Leonard Knibbs. Holly arrived December 11th from MSU, Jim arrived the 19th from Denver, Col. Nancy arrived the 20th from Ann Arbor and Linda and friend, Michael Witte, of Champaign, Ill. were to arrive Christmas Eve.

Sorenson Agency and Associates will be closed Dec. 25, 26 & 27; also, Jan. 1, 2 & 3.

Terry Hatfield of Manistee, son of Lois Hatfield, was released from the hospital following an accident in a truck which rolled over. He suffered severe bruises on his shoulders.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sullivan, John, Kirsten, and Matthew arrived Monday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jurkovich and Collin of Anderson, S. Carolina, and Caroline Andree and Suzie of Monona, Wis., are spending the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Allison. Newt Allison and family was joining the family for Christmas. This is the first time in 10 years the family has been together for Christmas, making it a very happy one.

### Bits O' Talk

by Fay Böves

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spril (nee Karen Feldhauser) and son, David, are spending the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lippard, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sorenson.

Crawford Co. Federal Credit Union will be closed Dec. 25, 26 & 27; also, Jan. 1, 2 & 3.

Barry Hatfield has returned to his base in Oscoda. His address is Barry Hatfield, P.S.C., Box 369, W.A.F.B., Mich. 48753.

### BOWLING LEAGUES

National League, 2nd Division:

1. Grayling VW.....36
2. Cald's Grocery.....33
3. Legion Lanes.....27
4. Union 76.....26
5. General Telephone.....23
6. R & H Sports.....23
7. Wierfel's Standard.....20
8. Cornell Insurance.....20

High Series: W. Pulgini, 571; P. Mead, 550; S. Thompson, 543.

High Game: T. Tosto, 235; W. Pulgini, 225; A. Boyk, 220.

Recreation League

1. Mill Town Realty.....4
2. R & H Sports.....4
3. Colonial Motel.....4
4. Bay City Times.....3
5. Pine Aire Motel.....3
6. Lone Pine Inn.....3
7. Bill's Laundry.....3
8. Glen's Market.....3
9. Olson's.....1
10. Arrowhead Inn.....1
11. Lovells Bar.....1
12. Union 76.....1
13. Kozy Korner.....1
14. Coe's Market.....0
15. Legion Lanes.....0
16. Grayling Bank.....0

High Series: E. Heisel, 524; M. Latuszek, 489; E. Sorenson, 487.

High Game: E. Heisel, 204; A. Latuszek & D. Small, 180; M. Latuszek, 178.

Muriel Latuszek picked up the 4-7 — 6-10 split.

The officers of the Recreation League would like to wish the bowlers, their sponsors and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Northwood League

1. Bear Archery.....38
2. Cover up Shop.....38
3. Jake's Refuse.....35
4. Laurine's.....30
5. AuSable Motel.....28 1/2
6. Jack Pine Plumbing.....27
7. Holiday Inn.....21 1/2
8. Russ' Dry Wall.....21

High Game: G. O'Connor, 202; L. Davis, 193; J. Campbell, 188.

High Series: G. O'Connor, 542; J. Campbell, 518; L. Hatfield, 489.

Senior Citizens Bowling League

1. First Savings.....37 1/2
2. Mac's Drugs.....33
3. Glen's Market.....26 1/2
4. Larry & Joan's.....26
5. R & H Sports.....23
6. Spike's.....22

High Series, Men: T. Tosto, 537; B. Bonkowski, 518; E.J. Cooper, 474.

High Game, Men: T. Tosto, 194; B. Bonkowski, 181; B. Campbell, 180.

High Series, Women: B. Sponsler, 456; D. Robine, 446; L. Lee, 440.

High Game, Women: I. Williams, & L. Lee, 193; M. Foltz, 175; D. Robine, 168.

### State Police

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1,875. In the 1964-73 period the tolls all were over 2,000. This year's total is expected to range about 1,800 or less.

The holiday periods this year will be 102 hours long, extending from 6 p.m. Wednesday through to midnight Sunday for both the Christmas and New Year periods. Traffic accidents claimed nine deaths during Christmas and three during New Year's in 36-hour periods last year in Michigan.

All State Police districts and posts will operate highway patrols as manpower permits. In addition, selective enforcement teams totalling about 30 officers will devote special attention to those highway sections showing bad accident experience.

### Archery

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case. Called the Fred Bear Archery Caddy it will hold your disassembled bow, plus all the other archery tackle you might want to carry. Top half of the case will hold up to thirty (30) arrows, and the bottom will hold bow, quiver, an extra set of limbs, Bear Killian Check-It Bowsight, and all your other archery tackle. This high-impact case is green, 38" long, 16" wide, 6" deep, has a handle, three (3) locks and is endorsed by the F.A.A.

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## From Our Corner...

Have you ever been in a situation where you have had forty things on your mind, and just not able to come up with the one thought that turns on all the lights, and clears up your wonderful world?

This is happening to us as we try to get our corner together Sunday night, which is a day earlier than normal, and at home instead of the office.

We have wondered all afternoon if it could be the aroma of Danish pastry being prepared by the boss, that has completely shut off our mind to the important things our readers expect.

We just realized ... there is nothing more important than our wish to our readers, that the true meaning of Christmas abide in your hearts during this glorious season, and remain into the coming New Year.

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and a  
"Happy New Year"  
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Grayling 23 Years AgoINTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM  
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December 25, 1952

Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Henig and daughter Janie spent the weekend in Detroit. Candace and Gretchen Henig spent the time in Lansing visiting their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton Wakeley and family left Sunday to spend the holidays in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Mt. Clemens are expected to spend Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert. Alan Stevenson of Albion is expected later during the holidays.

Seventeen boys and girls enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Miss Judy Sorenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sorenson on Saturday evening. Gifts were exchanged and dancing and a lunch enjoyed.

The Devere Wolcotts received a good surprise Tuesday morning when their son, Devere, Jr., arrived from the San Diego Naval Base to spend Christmas at home. He will leave to return on Friday.

Herb Wheeler is home from Philadelphia to spend Christmas with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ashton are happy over the arrival of a son on December 23rd.

Rita Barber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Barber, of Frederic, Michigan will spend her Christmas Vacation at home. She is a student at Northeastern School of Commerce, Bay City, Michigan. The Holiday Vacation starts Friday, December 19, and the students will return to college Monday, January 5, 1953. Rita is a member of the Girls basketball team and also on the Honor Roll.

Janie and Merdene Brush are spending their holiday vacations with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Snyder. The girls are students at Northeastern School of Commerce, Bay City. Both young ladies are on the honor roll and are also members of the girls' bowling team.

Little Jeanie Nielsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Nielsen, Jr., was a great big four years old on December 15th and her mother entertained seventeen of her little friends in honor of the occasion. The children played and also enjoyed the usual birthday refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond and family left Friday to spend the holidays in Florida.

Lauranne Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels P. Olson celebrated her birthday last Thursday by entertaining a number of her little friends at a party at her home. Her mother also treated the kindergarten class at school in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith and son Terry are spending Christmas in the Upper Peninsula visiting Mrs. Smith's mother.

Kip Pacenick, S. A. arrived home Friday from New York to spend a week with his wife and visit his parents. Kip is stationed aboard the U.S.S. Bennington, an aircraft carrier.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rosen and daughter Susan Sea of Portales, New Mexico, James McDonalds of Clovis and Ray Wilkes Jr., of Oronville arrived Monday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilkes, Sr.

Sandy Strong was hostess to a group of her friends Saturday evening at a welcome home party for Miss Patty Piper.

Miss Devenport took over his duties as City manager of Cadillac on Monday of last week. His family will join him in Cadillac the middle of January. The Devenport home on U.S. 27 has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Arden Johnson. Mr. Johnson quit about the weekend here.

with his family and will return to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Edna Wilcox who has been working in Flint is spending a few days among her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Papenfus and daughter, Nancy, spent Thursday in Petoskey.

Mrs. Clyde Smith has been ill and a patient at Mercy Hospital.

46 YEARS AGO  
December 26, 1929

Floyd Jennings of Detroit arrived in Grayling Tuesday morning to spend a few days with his mother and to do some rabbit hunting.

Miss Margaret Weiss is assisting at the .5c to \$1 Store during the Christmas rush.

Emerson Hoesli, who has been employed in Saginaw arrived Sunday to spend several weeks at his home here.

Earle Seven of Gary, Indiana and Floyd Seven of Portland, Oregon are visiting at the Frank Seven home.

Mrs. Naomi Mahonch who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Brown for the past month returned home in Flint Monday.

Mrs. Roy Barber and son Carlyle left Monday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ansell in Saginaw.

Miss Mildred and Bernice Corwin of Lansing came Sunday morning to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Corwin.

Mrs. H. A. Bauman returned Saturday from Salisbury, N. C. accompanied by her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woodson who will visit at the Bauman home for several weeks.

Kathryn and Marie Malling, Elsie Johnson, Donald Emery and Arthur Cumajia are spending Christmas vacation at their homes in Roscommon. All attend high school in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Nelson spent the weekend in Indian River.

Mrs. Ernest Babbitt returned home Saturday after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Parsons, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. LaBarge and daughter Loren left Monday for Grand Rapids to spend Christmas at the former's home.

Stanley Matson and Herman Hanson, pharmacists in Flint, are expected Wednesday morning to spend Christmas at their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lovely, daughter Veronica and Isaac Lovely are leaving today for Fenton to spend Christmas with her daughter Mrs. Oscar Goss and family.

Because of the illness of her mother, Miss Helen Estee, history teacher in high school, resigned her position and left Friday night for her home in Shepherd.

Little Junior Lovely son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lovely had the misfortune of breaking his leg at school one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Laurant of Big Rapids arrived Monday to spend Christmas with the former's father, Mose Laurant.

Mrs. Katherine Gamble of Jackson is spending the winter with her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Backman.

69 YEARS AGO  
December 27, 1906

Frank Phelps, now of Stanton, is shaking hands with his old chums and family.

Mary Johnson and wife and babies came up from Bay City for the Christmas festivities.

Mrs. A. Johnson stayed on the ice work and fractured her arm.

Ice on School Section Lake is about 10 inches thick.

Fred Slaughter and family came down from Johannesburg for Christmas with their family.

Curtis and family are returning the marriage on the 25th of the year to the city and then will be in the city.

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## The Bible Speaks

From Calvary Baptist Church

## The Christ of Christmas

In thinking of a Christmas message my mind went back several years to a visit with an elderly man in a log cabin situated in the rolling hills of Southern Indiana near my childhood home. It was the Christmas season and he was cheerfully showing me the Christmas cards he had received and placed on display on the east wall of his cabin. Suddenly he pointed to one card and turned to me in a tone of anger saying, "Can't you even send someone a greeting card at Christmas without mentioning religion in it?" The card I had sent him told the Christmas story and he did not like for anyone to talk to him about Jesus Christ. Well, the old man is gone, and so is the cabin, but the question he raised is still relevant.

Many people would not be as honest and frank as the old man was, but they still feel the same way the old man did about Jesus Christ and Christmas.

There are two opposing views concerning the events of Christmas which are influencing people today. The nativity scene almost always shows three persons; Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Bible says Joseph was a just man and describes him as a man of understanding and compassion, Matthew 1:19. Mary is called a virgin and the angel Gabriel said she was highly favored of God and to be blessed among women, Luke 1:27,28. Jesus Christ was eternal God taking to Himself a human body in the womb of the virgin Mary. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 1:20. He was called "holy" and "the Son of God" by the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:35.

Unbelieving Jews of Jesus' day implied Him to be a child of fornication, John 8:41. They called Him a blasphemer because He claimed to be the Son of God. "The Jews answered him, (Pilate) We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." John 19:7. They cried out "away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" John 19:15.

Unbelieving liberals of our day deny the virgin birth of Jesus Christ making Him instead the product of sex sin. They deny the purity of the virgin Mary turning her into a cheap prostitute. They deny that her husband was a man of righteousness and compassion, turning him into a common fornicator.

This Christmas season you favor one of the above views. Joseph is either a just man or a fornicator. Mary was either a righteous virgin or a cheap prostitute. Jesus Christ was either the Son of the Living God and the Personification of righteousness and holiness, or else He was the product of sex sin or fornication. You cannot remain intellectually honest and compromise either of these two opposing positions. Jesus Christ was who He said He was, or He was the worst liar and deceiver to ever walk the face of the earth.

The Bible claims to be the record of the person and work of Jesus Christ. "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." John 20:31. Those who refuse to believe the Bible would not believe Jesus Christ face to face. Some unbelieving Jews said to Jesus, "How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly," John 10:24. And, "Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not," John 10:25.

The words of no man including myself can save you, but would you please read about the life and work of Jesus Christ in your Bible this Christmas season? My prayer is that you may be able to say with the Samaritans of John 4:42, "Now we believe, not because of thy saying; for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the World." Merry Christmas! (adv.) Pastor Barnett

## Mercy Hospital News

The following were among the patients at Mercy Hospital as of Friday: Kenneth Bailey, Gladys Hannah, John Harland, William Hoy, Sr., Justin Keller, Laura Keller, Teresa Kibbe, Homer King, Ann Moss, Danny Sattler and Florence Stephan, all of Grayling; Ruth Bollou, Ellen Davis and Helen Meek, all of Frederic.

A son, Elias Andrew, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kibbe of Grayling on December 17th, weighing 8 lbs. 8 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Keller of Grayling are the parents of a daughter, Angela Lee, born December 19th, weighing 6 lbs. 14 1/2 ozs.

Best Wishes for the  
Holiday Season  
and New YearDuring the Holiday Season, more than ever,  
Our thoughts turn to our Friends  
And spirit, we simply but sincerely...

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## Frederic News

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# The magic of words

Time once more for one of our infrequent strolls ... barefoot through the potpourri.

Most young men who are new-comers to the newspaper business on the writing side of the picture start out as sports writers. Some never leave that branch of the business; others switch over to more general writing, or specialize in other subject matter areas, or move on to editing or other pursuits.

The attraction of sports writing is explained partly by the relative freedom from regimentation a sports writer enjoys.

For example, listen to these verbs used in a recent single item on how the top 20 football teams fared, as the article appeared in a nearby metropolitan daily newspaper.

... slipped by ... roller over ... clobbered ... was drilled by ... handled ... tripped ... steamed past ... nipped ... ripped ... crunched ... lost to ... was smoked by ... lost to ... dumped ... squeezed by ... rapped ... beat ... blitzed ... lost to.

What fun it must be to write with words like those! Not a single "defeated" in the whole top 20.

Staying for a moment with sports, here's another item that deserves some sort of attention.

Courts in Maryland and New York have ruled that sports injuries in company-related games are covered by workmen's compensation. The courts said that employees injured in a company-sanctioned softball game or an informal coffee-break touch football game could be compensated because the games were work-connected and the employers benefited from them.

I don't know what the rule is in Michigan, but if the Michigan Legislature hears about the Maryland and New York application, we'll be sure to

try to do them one better here. That seems to be the way Michigan usually treats its employees under workmen's - compensation regulations.

Before we leave football, let it be recorded that the "Buckeye Bash" put on by Michigan House Speaker Bobby Crim this year took in \$29,660 and cleared \$13,606 after expenses.

That's the occasion when Crim bought up 300 tickets to the Michigan State - Ohio State football game, and peddled them as part of a \$100-per-head fund-raising solree. All but a handful of the tickets were sold, according to Crim's later accounting.

The MSU-Ohio State game, of course, was a sellout. As a matter of fact, MSU oversold the game, selling space twice in some cases - particularly in the end zone where both general admission and reserved seat tickets were located. The result was confusion and unhappiness on the part of some ticket-holders, who had to stand.

Let the record also show that the Crim tickets were for seats in the middle of this mass confusion and unhappiness.

Sort of poetic justice, so to speak.

Here's a happy thought for this season of the year:

In fiscal 1974, state and local taxes per capita rose in every state except Connecticut.

The range in total state and local tax load ranged from the high of \$952 per capita in New York, to the low of \$383 per capita in Alabama.

Maybe somebody should talk to the governor of Alabama about taking over the budget strings in New York - or at least about running for President, or something.

Let's see, now, the governor of Alabama ... what's his name again?

- Week of December 24th through 30th**
- Sunday, December 24th**
- 12:00 - Dinner - Soup, Salad, Creamed Chicken on Bread, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Cherry Cobbler.
  - 12:30 - Fruit Bingo - 1:30 - Bowling - 2:00 - Jitney Hunt.
  - 2:00 - Ladies Gift Hospital - 7:00 - See the Light, Ride.
- Tuesday, December 26th**
- 9:30 - Crafts.
  - 12:00 - Dinner - Juice, Salad, Salisbury Steak, Noodles, Squash, Gingerbread.
  - 12:30 - Religious Discussion - 1:00 - Kitchen Band Practice.
  - 3:00 - Choral Group Practice.
  - 6:00 - Open House Christmas Party until 9:00.
- Wednesday, December 27th**
- 9:00 - Woodworking.
  - 12:00 - Dinner - Soup, Salad, Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Rolls, Date Nut Pudding.
  - 12:30 - Christmas Play - 2:30 - Center Closes.
- Thursday, Christmas Day**
- Center Closed - Merry Christmas!
- Friday, December 28th**
- Center Closed for Holiday.
- Saturday, December 29th**
- 7:00 - Bingo, everyone 18 or older welcome.
- Sunday, December 30th**
- 12:00 - Dinner - Soup, Salad, Creamed Ham on Toast, Potatoes, Broccoli, Pudding.
  - 12:30 - Fruit Bingo - 2:00 - Jitney.
- Tuesday, December 31st**
- 12:00 - Dinner - Juice, Salad, Meat Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Asparagus, Muffins, Pie.
  - 12:30 - Religion - 1:00 - Kitchen Band - 3:00 - Choral Group.
- Wednesday, December 31st**
- 12:00 - Dinner - Soup, Salad, Roast Beef, Potatoes, Carrots, Cake.
  - 12:30 - Games - 2:00 - Jitney.
  - 8:00 - New Year's Party: HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

## A.B.W.A. News

The December meeting and Christmas Party of the Grayling Chapter of the American Business Women's Association was held on December 8th at the Grayling House Restaurant. The invocation was given by Tanya Pello, President. Jini Hindmarsh announced that the Birthday Girls for the month were Elaine Harland, Helen Johnson and Phyllis Sauter. As Phyllis was absent due to recent surgery it was decided to take the Birthday cake to her home. Guests for the meeting were Rose Farley of the Holiday Inn and P.K. Hobbeman, co-manager of Jaystone Park. Both these ladies were guests of a recent meeting. Jini Hindmarsh brought her sister-in-law, Marie Hommer from Kinross, Michigan and Judy Crampton brought Jennie Mockin. Pam Steele of the University of Commerce was also a guest.

Mrs. Welch from Gaylord who is interested in starting an ABWA chapter there will be our guest in January. Jini also gave out the new officer pin guards that were purchased with donations from the membership. This was done in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts. Many members brought their donations wrapped as a Christmas gift or made up into Christmas decorations - very ingenious. The benediction was given by Betty Bennett. All members of Grayling Chapter of ABWA want to wish all of Grayling a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy and prosperous New Year. Happy Holidays Everyone!!! Betty Bennett, Publicity Chairman.

## Bits O' Talk

**by Fay Bovee**

Brad Hatfield was one of the lucky hunters this year, bagging a snake from opening morning. Terry Hatfield of Manistee accompanied his uncle, Lloyd Berry and friend, Pat Gregg of Pontiac on a two weeks hunting trip in Canada. They brought back a 900 pound cow. While in Canada, Terry ran into a huge bear and had left his gun in camp.

Crawford Co. Federal Credit Union will be closed Dec. 25, 26 & 27, also Jan. 1, 2 & 3. Mrs. A. J. Sorenson spent three days at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, undergoing tests. Sorenson Agency and Associates will be closed Dec. 25, 26 & 27, also Jan. 1, 2 & 3. Dick Joseph and Mark Sloan of the University of Michigan arrived last weekend for the holidays to spend them with their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Sloan.

## Moose News

Don't forget Erv Watson who is in the hospital, Fred Campbell, in the Vets' Hospital in Saginaw and Eleanor Swarthout who is home after spending some time in McClarin Hospital in Flint. These people would enjoy a note or card from their Moose Brothers and Sisters.

Pat Lewis and the children left for Kilean, Texas Tuesday night, leaving Al behind to mind the store over the holidays.

The Xmas tree looks great and was donated by Brother Bob Bernard and decorated by the club. Thanks to all.

Bob Don't forget the Lodge is closed from 6:00 p.m. Christmas eve till noon December 26th.

The Club is going to start Pool Tournaments after the first of the year. For further information, contact Al Lewis at the Club.

The Grayling Lodge wishes to extend a hearty welcome to the newcomers who belong to the Moose and their guests. Hope to see you over the holidays.

Don't forget those with no music at the Moose Lodge New Year's Eve and wish to no other charge for members to pool standing and no room for newcomers. The money will be turned to Al Lewis. Pat Lewis and his family, thank you. His wife promised to be here for the New Year's Eve.

Also, a notice that we are looking for members to help with the New Year's Eve party. Contact Al Lewis at the Club.

## Performed in "Messiah"

Big Rapids - Marie Hanks of Grayling played in the Ferris State College Chamber Orchestra, which performed with the Choral Union and guest soloists in the annual production of Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, Dec. 14 at Ferris.

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*Al Lewis*



# IF IT FITZ

Jim Fitzgerald



## It's not Charlie the Tuna

The answers to life's most perplexing questions can often be found in the Spirit of Christmas. If we would only look. And so it is that this Christmas I am searching for the true meaning of those perfume commercials on TV.

Some viewers react frivolously to the tube but I take it seriously. For instance, the man keeps saying "Flick your Bic, flick your Bic," and no one is properly outraged. Except me.

When a Bic is flicked, 99% of the time its flame is used to light a cigarette. The Surgeon General, who outranks even Marcus Welby, long ago proved cigarettes cause cancer and other physical calamities. Therefore it is against the law to advertise cigarettes on TV.

But it is legal to advertise Bics. The brain who made this decision will probably next turn his talents to the problem of TV violence. He will decree that no longer can bullets be shown on TV. Just guns.

Tobacco wouldn't be dangerous if it couldn't be burned. The real danger to health is fire. So certainly the world should not be encouraged via TV to flick its Bics. Unless, of course, the purpose is to roast its Ronsons.

But enough. I started to talk about a more important question: Can man be turned on by a smell alone? Sexy girls on TV keep saying yes, yes, oh lord, yes.

There's a commercial for a perfume called Charlie. It stars a skinny snip in mechanic's overalls who enters a plush saloon with all the grace of a truckload of turkeys. She puts the doorman on the fanny and swirls with a barfly and generally acts as if she

might be the demented cousin of the Gabor sisters.

But all the men obviously love her. Even Bobby Short at the piano bar, the best singer of Cole Porter songs in the world, is reduced to singing incredible gibberish about the marvelous charms of Charlie the girl, thanks to Charlie the odor, certainly not Charlie the Tuna.

What does it all mean? Can a smell really drive men bananas over any broad who seeps it?

The way I see it, smells trigger a memory mechanism. If the odor reminds you of a past event which was pleasant, you react favorably. You like the smell of a new car because that was before the transmission went out and the tires shredded. You like the smell of bread baking because it reminds you of those wonderful days before Sara Lee replaced grandmothers.

So a guy will tumble for Charlie if the fragrance reminds him of a previous relationship in which his partner said yes, yes, oh lord, yes.

But what if today's Charlie smells like Mabel who, back in the 11th grade, screamed and made you take her home and later told your mother you were a sex fiend? Goodbye, Charlie.

Obviously, there is no way the Charlie and Chanel people can successfully predict which fragrances will trigger pleasant memories in which men. They are simply guessing and hoping, just as the women who buy the smells are guessing and hoping. Life is a gamble, especially love. And that's what those perfume commercials really mean.

Wouldn't that flick your Bic?



**PARTLAND** During the holiday season, shopping centers offer window and mail displays which create a veritable holidayland for the very young. It's just part of the wonderment that Christmas offers the very young at heart.

## CMU Offers Courses

(By Vid Roe)

**MT. PLEASANT** Central Michigan University is offering two courses designed and to be taught by Otago County Judge of Probate Boyd Baird. The courses will cover the law as it relates to teachers and school administrators. Also offered in Gaylord by CMU's Off Campus Education will be a course in psychology.

Registration and first class meetings will be Monday, January 8th, at 5:00 p.m. in Gaylord High School. To be taught by Judge Baird are Educational Administration 505, "Introduction to School Law," the law as it relates to education, and Elementary/Secondary Education 528, "Workshop: Law for Teachers." This is a pilot project and will be in national education.

Also scheduled is Psychology 511, "Statistics in Psychology." This course is an extension of Psychology 311, with emphasis on hypothesis testing and statistical inference. It will be taught by Dr. Douglas Frederick.

Each of the above courses earn three semester hours credit at either the graduate or undergraduate level.

## Believe In Santa Claus

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(By Jerome Kervin)

Several Christmases ago a television station in our area asked parents to respond to the question: "Do you welcome Santa Claus into your home at Christmas?" They read replies from viewers, and quite a few parents expressed the opinion that children should not be fed a bunch of fairy-tale dreams, and that Santa was dying.

The idea! NOT LET SANTA IN! Might as well tear up the flag and toss out Mom's apple pie recipe.

Santa Claus is the very essence of Christmas. He is love to a child too young to grasp the Bethlehem story. Santa is the Trinity made understandable to a three-year-old. A benevolent Father with the means and generosity to provide for a whole world full of children, the Son, a self-giving fellow who finds his happiness in sharing and doing for others. And he's the very Spirit of Christmas, the feeling that brings laughter bubbling up inside us, puts smiles on our lips unbidden, and colors every unselfish act throughout the year.

Not to side there's a Santa? I guess it all depends on what you think the old fellow is to childhood: the One Big Lie, or the One Magnificent Secret. As for me, I'm the sort who will always look twice any time there's a shadow across the moon on Christmas Eve, because I've never really become convinced he doesn't exist.

Yes, I can live a while longer in this dark, old world with its wars and poverty, disease and inflation, as long as I know that somewhere children are hoping that maybe, for just one magical night, every child in the world might have his wish come true.

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### AN APPLE, AN ORANGE

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### GIVE A CHRISTMAS

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## your week ahead

W. H. A. W. BINS

Forecast Period: December 23 to January 1

Remember, there's a difference between a personality and a temperament—a big difference. Be sure that your children's various patterns aren't broken.

Things that are in the shade, have most members of your sign. It's good time to think about consequences—and let your conscience be your guide.

The best values—junkies and carry-on items—through your chest. Don't concern yourself with the technique as associate used in order to achieve.

A license or some form of legal document, plays an important role in today's activities. Anyway, it's really nothing for you to worry about.

Put a long term project aside, and take care of tasks at hand. Today, yours is a problem of not obliging your obligations, according to priority.

It's a fact of life, there are some members of society who are being regarded. For various reasons. Anyway, don't force yourself on anyone.

Listen, closely. Someone you meet today, whether they're an old friend or a new acquaintance, will prove to be highly productive—as they grow by.

It seems as though you'll spend most of this week—looking for someone who holds most of the answers you need.

If you want control, you're a member of the opposite sex want to do the very best of today. One other thing, stop looking about things that are just passing by.

We are looking for a very special person—as for ourselves, we're looking for a special person.

Work, work to work, off the shelves, just stop. Again, the view of today is that today's challenges are present.

There's something you want that you're in the market for, but you're not sure if it's worth the effort.



May all the good things Christmas has in store be yours—peace, joy and serenity. We are forever grateful for your wishes.

**Merry Christmas**

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# School Happenings

## Volunteers Help Students

Very soon now the Grayling Elementary School's Reading Room will be dark and silent. The desks and chairs will be empty as students and volunteers enjoy a well deserved vacation.

For the past twelve weeks determination has been ever present in both the students and volunteers.

It is difficult to understand why some children take to reading like a bird to flight and others struggle to learn each new skill. For these children frustration is hard to overcome.

Each day volunteers and students work together to improve the students reading skills.

The Reading Room is not quiet! It is not a Library! The Reading Room teams with activity as students learn to read. They also learn as skills become less difficult that reading can be fun.

Wouldn't you like to be part of this worthwhile program? When the holidays are over why not come and visit the children and volunteers in the Reading Room? Maybe you would enjoy helping!

For more information call Irene Pettyjohn at 348-7641, extension 52.



**CHRISTMAS PLAY PRESENTED**—The picture above is from the cast of "Santa's Christmas Cheer." It was given by one of Miss Morley's classes for the Grayling Elementary School. The play was enjoyed by the students and teachers. The players were LouAnn Weilmann as Mrs. Santa, Janette Sloan as Rudolph, Miss Morley as the Head Elf. She filled in for Rene Trudgeon who could not be present, and Santa Claus was played by David Dean.

## Frederic Elementary School

After learning about winter gardens and watching a demonstration on how they are set up, Kindergarten children had the opportunity to make a garden of their own. Plants for the science lesson came from the forest, along with African violet cuttings.

The first and third grade "success" classrooms had a Christmas Tea for their parents. Movies were taken of the rooms while students moved through their centers. Parents viewed the movies and Mr. Ingvarsson, "success" facilitator, explained the program. Mrs. Manutes directed the children in signing Christmas cards. Cookies and brownies, made and decorated by students were served in the cafeteria.



PICTURED ABOVE is volunteer Jaymee Seidel working with a reading student. Today we are writing poems (Christmas).



SHOWN ABOVE is volunteer, sub. Betty Cde Baca with a reading student. These two are also writing poetry.



**SANTA'S HELPERS**—Pictured with the presents they made and wrapped to surprise their parents at Christmas are the children in Mrs. Knibbs' Second Grade. In the background is the Christmas tree donated by Noel Dean, for which the students made all the decorations.



ABOUT THIRTY guests attended the Christmas Tea given by students in first and third grade.

There has been a snowmobile safety class for kids eleven years of age, on up. Wednesday, the sixth graders made angels from egg cartons for art class. (by Tom Kequom and John Reed)

### A SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to extend a very special thank you to everyone for the help and support before and during the Frederic and Grayling Elementary Christmas Programs. Judi Manutes

### THANK YOU!!!

to the Advanced Writing Class and Student Council for the beautiful roses. You're all super! Mrs. Hayes

### Magic Show Well Attended

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Crawford County sponsored a delightful Magic Show, on December 11, 1975, at the Middle School gym. Everything went well and the illustrations of the Magician and his assistants were enjoyed by all. We wish to express our thanks to the many people who attended and made this show possible. To the 5th grade class who sold delicious popcorn, and to the many local businesses of Grayling through which donations for pre-show tickets, made it possible for so many youngsters to attend.

Following the show, all the Big Brothers and Little Brothers, and the Big Sisters and Little Sisters, enjoyed pizza and pop at a local establishment. This was our first get together for all the Big Brothers and Little Brothers, and Big Sisters and Little Sisters, and a good time was had by all.

From the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Crawford County to you, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Editor's Quote Book

When a man does all that he can, though it succeeds not well, blame not him that did it.

George Washington



**THE CLASS YOU SEE PICTURED** probably enjoyed the last day of school more than any other in the elementary school, not because we knew that we were going home for a vacation, but because of what we were able to do for Donald Bentley, who is in our class and ill. Donald missed school for the entire week before it was due to respiratory problems and an ear infection. We decided that Donald needed a little cheering up. So we walked down to his house and surprised him with a few gifts. One student, Larry Renard, brought Donald a gift from the exchanging of names. However, George Fenton and Mary Shires each brought him one out of Christmas Spirit. Rianne Swanson made a giant Christmas card and we all signed it. When we arrived at the house, Donald was sleeping. Mrs. Bentley invited the twenty-six of us in. She then woke him and helped him into the living room where we all greeted and wished him a Merry Christmas. Donald was too weak to stand and converse with the class so we immediately got him a chair and gathered round him while he opened his presents. Thursday night I taped the Christmas program at the high school. I left the recorder at his house for the weekend so he could enjoy the singing. Even Santa wished him well on the tape.

I would like to thank all the parents of these children for the good job they are doing. It is a pleasure to live and teach in Grayling. The students from left to right in the first row are: Michelle Byce, Kris Larson, Elena Rettell, Lou Ann Weilmann, Shelly Terenty, Heidi Bondig, Rianne Swanson, Rose Davis and Stacy Wolcott. In the second row, you see: Steve Brooks, Brad Wilson, Mary Shires, Tammi Campbell, Dawn Hawley, Steve Steiner and Scott DeGlick. The last row you see Mr. Hayes, Dale Overmyer, Joe Hey, George Fenton, Andre Hoyer, Mike Crouch, who is no longer with the class, Roger Moon, Donald Bentley and John Reynolds. These students who are not pictured but were with us are Shae Webster, Larry Peterson and J. P. Zwickler. Merry Christmas Donald, and get well soon. (by Jerry Hayes)



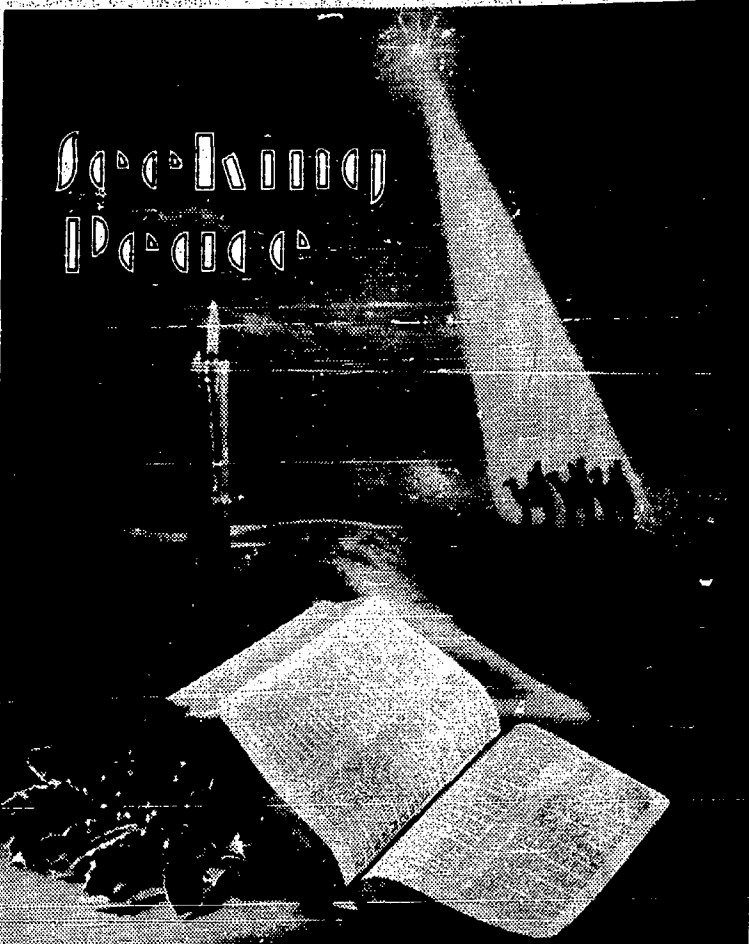
On December 25, 1775, who served with the Connecticut troops, has this to say about his Christmas: "I tried my gun, and we had a fine Christmas shooting at a mark." On December 21



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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Midweek Prayer, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Chapel Service 11:00 a.m.

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[LCA Synod]  
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Tues. Church School 3:00 pm

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Evening Service 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday: Youth Meetings  
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Seniors-grades 9-12 7:30 p.m.

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Evening Service 7:00 p.m.  
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Church Service 11:00 a.m.  
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Relief Society 9:10  
Seminary 10:10-12  
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Book Study Tues. 8 p.m.  
Ministry School Thurs. 7:30 p.m.  
Service Meeting Thurs. 8:30 p.m.

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Rev. Paul C. Frederick  
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Church School 9:45 a.m.  
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1st Sunday of Month Holy Communion & Prayer for Healing 8:00 p.m.





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## New Tax Law Extends Tax Breaks To Home Buyers

These may be good news for certain home buyers this year.

First, there's the tax credit provided for taxpayers who purchase certain new homes. Because this housing credit is somewhat complex and can be difficult to understand, the Internal Revenue Service strongly suggests that taxpayers who have taken or expect to take advantage of it know what they're doing and what is involved. IRS pamphlets and telephone and office assistance are available for taxpayers who need them. Generally, home buyers can claim this credit — five percent of the taxpayer's adjusted basis in the new home, with a maximum credit of \$2,000 (\$1,000 for a married taxpayer filing separately) — if five conditions are met:

—the residence must be a new principal residence; that is where the home buyer will live most of the time — not a summer cottage on the shore or a winter chalet in the mountains. The residence may be a condominium or an apartment in a cooperative, a townhouse, a detached house, a mobile home, or even a houseboat.

—construction must have begun before March 26, 1975; —the home buyer must go to settlement on the house and occupy it as a principal residence after March 12, 1975, and before January 1, 1977;

—except when the home buyer is building the residence himself or herself, he or she must have a binding contract for the purchase of the residence before January 1, 1976.

—and, except when the buyer is building the house, the buyer must attach to his or her Federal income tax return a certification by the seller that the purchase price is the lowest price at which the residence was offered for sale since February 28, 1975.

No matter how "new looking" a house may appear, a used residence, even if it's completely renovated, won't qualify the home buyer for the tax credit.

As for computing the credit based on the "adjusted basis," this isn't as complicated as it may sound: for those who aren't also selling a home, it's usually the purchase price of the new residence. Generally, the adjusted basis for persons who are selling their home and buying a new one is the selling price of the new residence minus any untaxed profit realized from the sale of the old house. In no case, however,

may the credit be more than the home buyer's tax liability.

Individuals who build the home themselves, or have it built for them, can only include the costs of construction after March 12, 1975, in figuring their credit.

To see how the credit works, take the case of the Bartons. They signed the purchase contract for their new \$45,000 Colonial on January 5, 1975, but didn't obtain title until March 15, their settlement date. They moved into their home on April 1, 1975, meeting the occupancy requirement. Their purchase qualifies for a credit of \$2,000. (Although multiplying the \$45,000 purchase by five percent comes to \$2,250, the maximum tax credit permitted is \$2,000.)

There's one other thing the Bartons — and other home buyers who claim the credit — should keep in mind. If they sell their "new" residence within 36 months after they acquire it, they may have to add all or part of the credit to their tax in a following year. This procedure is referred to as recapture of the credit.

The second housing-related tax break in the new law provides a tax boost to current homeowners who are buying another home. For some time, homeowners could postpone paying taxes on part or all of any profit from the sale of their principal residence if they reinvested the money in another home within a specified period of time. The new law extends the time limit.

Now, those buying a house that's ready for immediate occupancy must purchase and live in it within 18 months of the sale of their home. Previously, the time frame was 12 months. Taxpayers building or rebuilding a home must begin work on the residence either before they sell their old home, or within 18 months of the sale of the home. They also must occupy and use their "new" home within two years of the sale of the old one.

Whichever tax break home buyers qualify for, they should make sure that they have all the records and papers needed to prove that they're entitled to the tax benefits they're claiming. As a matter of fact, now is an ideal time to start gathering together all these records so that once the tax forms arrive, the taxpayer can get started on his or her tax return. Early filers normally get their refunds in four to five weeks, while last-minute filers could wait as long as eight weeks.

Home buyers who would like more details on the new tax breaks should first check their tax instructions. If they have further questions, they can call IRS toll free, or use the convenient order blank in their tax package to obtain a copy of the free IRS Publication 591, "Tax Credit for the New Home Buyer." Buying a house is an expensive proposition these days and no matter how much money taxpayers may get back from these tax breaks, it's bound to come in handy and could even mean the difference between paneling and not paneling the rec room or adding central air-conditioning.

## December Campaign Report

The December Christmas Seal campaign figures for Crawford County show contributions totaling \$1,016," reported William Gilbert, ARIT, Cadillac, president of the Northwest Region, Michigan Lung Association. The county goal is \$2,000.

Mr. Gilbert said that 47 million men, women and children in the United States — one out of every five persons — has some form of chronic respiratory condition.

The public used to take it for granted that the familiar double-barred cross trademark of the Christmas Seal organization symbolized the crusade against tuberculosis, once the leading killer in this country and a major cause of death around the globe. Today, while TB is largely under control, serious new threats to our lungs — many of them manmade — have risen to plague us.

The most troublesome respiratory disorders today are what are known as chronic obstructive pulmonary (lung) diseases — C.O.P.D., Mr. Gilbert said. These conditions, affecting 13,870,000 persons, include:

Emphysema — an irreversible and progressively worsening condition involving permanent "marking" damage in the air sacs of the lungs and affecting about 1,313,000, according to latest Public Health Service figures.

Chronic bronchitis — an inflammation in the tubes connecting the windpipes with the lungs, involving 8,238,000 sufferers.

Asthma — a swelling of the air passages in response to specific irritation, involving about 4,300,000, about one-third of them children under 15.

These three breathing ailments, Mr. Gilbert said, are among the most disabling of all chronic diseases.



**FESTIVE FARE...** A large room with chandelier and wine glasses and a nearby bowl of punch dominates the gateleg table in the Manor House dining room at late 18th century Van Cortland Manor in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. Throughout December, the Manor is decorated to show how the Van Cortlands with their English and Dutch traditions celebrated the holiday season 200 years ago.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FREDERIC

The Adult Fellowship group had a lovely potluck supper and exchange of gifts on the evening of December 8th. Games followed and all enjoyed a nice time.

Grades through pre-school and 6th grade held their party in the Church basement on the afternoon of December 16th. A lovely lunch was served and exchange of gifts.

Our annual Sunday School program was held on Sunday evening, December 21st, with a nice crowd present — and a very nice program — gifts for all the children. A thank you to all who helped make our Christmas Program a success: children, teachers, Supt. and Pastor, and most of all, the parents who saw to it that their children were at practice.

## W.O.T.M. News

On December 14th, the annual Christmas party was held for the A. of F. with a real good turnout! This is for members only who hold the A. of F. Degree. Then on December 15th the Women of the Moose held their Christmas party. This was a real nice party, too.

George Denewett won the door prize. This was a smiley face necklace. The afghan which was given away by the A. of F. was won by Ralph Kelly on December 20th.

The Loyal Order of Moose wish to thank everyone who helped on the "Kiddies Christmas party" held on December 20th. A special thanks to Santa, even if he was late. He said one of his reindeer got sick coming down.

Dorothy Switzer, Publicity Chairman

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## An Open

**December 17, 1975**

**President  
Chamber of Commerce  
Grayling, Michigan**

Dear Sir:

In the interests of all concerned, we feel compelled to write order to set the record straight.

In September of 1974, the members of Bear Archery Emp with the U.A.W. in a secret ballot election by an overwhelming challenged that election to the National Labor Relations Board election. That election was appealed by the Company to the Federal Labor Court. The election was ruled legal and proper. The Company now

While the Company has a legal right to such an appeal, the basic concept of democracy, which is the right of free people secret vote and if a majority indicates a certain preference, Company has stated that a group of employees which consist affiliation and on that basis they are obligated to use whatever minority.

Needless to say, if this rationale were to prevail, then no one would ever be settled from the Court House to the Federal Gov going through a constant court procedure and nothing ever would a unanimous vote cast for any elective position.

The second issue we think needs to be clarified is the negotiate with either U.A.W. or the S.A.E.A. because if they challenged them to cite any specific law or interpretation of this date they have failed to do so and in our opinion there is another stalling tactic in their attempting to now divide the neighbors in this issue by them deliberately forcing a strike situation unreasonable.

If indeed we do end up in a strike, it will be of the Company's attempt to pass off that responsibility by the methods that they

We are appealing to you as President of the Chamber of Commerce to give this letter the same publicity that you extended to the Company. Please keep in mind that the employees affected by this patronize the local merchants.

Sincerely yours,

**Gary Swenson, President  
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### Lovells Home Extension

The Lovells Home Extension Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 10th, at the home of Jane Commons with 14 present. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess and co-hostesses Evelyn Bates and Leona Tubbs. Chairman Margaret Cavanaugh opened the meeting. Roll call was "The Things I Treasure Most." A brief business meeting was held. A report on the history of Lovells was given by Hazel Koerke.

Each member is asked to contribute a story of folklore about Lovells for a pamphlet the club is compiling for the Centennial. Jumpsuits for the Gaylord State Hospital were passed out, they are to be made and returned at the March meeting. The mystery package was won by Leona Tubbs. At the close of the meeting an exchange of Christmas gifts was held.

The next meeting will be held January 14, 1976 with Margie Harwood as hostess. There will be a silent auction.

### Legal Notice

The Trustees of Penn Central Transportation Company hereby give notice, pursuant to Section 304(a) of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, of their intention, effective February 27, 1976 to terminate all rail service on the Mackinaw Branch, between Kawakawin (Milepost 5.0), and Gaylord, MI. (Milepost 120.4), in the State of Michigan.

In the Final System Plan adopted under the terms of the 1973 statute the line to which this notice relates is not designated for continued operation by Consolidated Rail Corporation or any other carrier.

Copies of materials and information bearing on the value of this line of railroad and upon the revenues and expenses associated with its operation in recent years (prepared in conformity to regulations of the Rail Services Planning Office of the Interstate Commerce Commission) are on file at the Penn Central Transportation Company offices: Room 400 Penn Central Station, 2405 West Vernor Highway, Detroit, Michigan 48216, where such data may be examined by interested persons during regular business hours.

ROBERT W. BLANCHETTE, RICHARD C. BOND AND JOHN H. MCARTHUR, TRUSTEES OF THE PROPERTY OF PENN CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, DEBTOR.

11-18-25

### Legal Notice

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ACTION** (Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

**BOBCAT HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR 1976**

The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on June 13, 1975, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, in regards to bobcats declared no open season in Zone 3, abridged the open and required a permit to hunt in Zone 2 and on Bois Blanc Island of Zone 1. The seasons and regulations shall be as follows:

Zone 1: No closed season, except on Bois Blanc Island where the season and regulations shall coincide with those of Zone 2.

Zone 2: January 1 through February 29, in Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Otsego, Montmorency and Alpena counties. Hunting by permit only.

Zone 3: No open season.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** A free permit is required of all persons hunting bobcats in Zone 2. Application must be made in person or by mail as follows:

1. Applicants may appear in person at the Gaylord District Headquarters or at the Atlanta, Indian River, or Millersburg field offices of the Department of Natural Resources. Such application must be made during regular working hours. No application is to be made prior to December 1, 1975.

2. Application by mail must be made individually on a government postal card. The applicant shall address the card to himself, typing or printing his name and address on the postage side of the card. The applicant shall then mail the card in an envelope addressed to: Bobcat Permit, P. O. Box 576, Department of Natural Resources, Gaylord, Michigan 49735. Applications must be postmarked no earlier than December 1, 1975.

**PERMITS**

There is no limit to the number of permits that will be issued. There will be no charge for the permit. The permit authorizes the bearer to hunt during the entire two-month season in the designated open areas.

**HUNTING**

No person shall hunt under authority of his permit unless he has signed it in ink and carries it on his person along with his 1975 small game or sportsman's license, and unless he properly wears the back tag provided with his license.

Charles J. Guenther Executive Assistant to the Director and Secretary to the Natural Resources Commission

18-25-1

**Money to Burn**  
Of 18 major cities in America, Washington, D.C. has the most polluted air, according to a study done early this year by the Council on Municipal Performance. The city has no heavy industry—except the government's incinerator at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The incinerator destroys about 6,000 pounds of currency and securities a day. Residue from the paper lingers in the air, helping to cause the pollution problem.

Case No. 75 002 404

### Circuit Court Sale

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 17th day of November, 1975, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein ARTHUR SOLBERG and VIRGINIA M. SOLBERG were the Complainants and JOHN HOWELLS, JR. was the Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Crawford County Court House in the City of Grayling (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on Monday, the 26th day of January, 1976, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Local Time, the following described property situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, viz:

Lots 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 of Block 7 of the Fifth Addition to Portage Lake Park, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and

Lots 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 of Block 7 of the Fifth Addition to Portage Lake Park, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Subject to a reservation by the State of Michigan on all of the oil, gas and mineral rights therein.

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

THIS SALE is for the purpose of foreclosing a certain Land Contract.

Dated: December 1, 1975.

Harold Hatfield, Jr. Crawford County Sheriff By: Corporal Thomas Stancil Deputy Sheriff

Kutinsky, Davey & Solomon One Ajax Drive Suite 100 Madison Heights, MI. 48071 543-8550

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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gordon L. Amotte and Margaret M. Amotte, husband and wife, Box 311, Grayling, Michigan, to Capp Homes, Inc., a division of Evans Products Company, a Delaware Corporation, of 3355 Hiawatha Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, dated December 29, 1970, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on January 11, 1971, in Liber 107, page 513-515, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-one and 56/100 (\$10,931.56) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and in pursuance to the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Crawford County Courthouse, front steps, in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on January 26, 1976 at 11:00 o'clock Michigan time in the morning of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with interest thereon, legal costs, attorney fees and also any additional taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee pays on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows:

A part of the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 8, T26N, R3W; beginning at the SE corner of said tract and running thence N 89°55' W on the South line thereof, 120 feet; thence S 89°55' E 120 feet to the East line thereof; thence S 1°20' W along same 120 feet to the point of beginning.

The period of redemption will be 6 months from date of sale. DATED: December 12, 1975

Law Offices of Sinclair & Clulo By Paul J. Clulo, Attorneys for Evans Products Co. Business Address: 224 East Larkin Street Midland, Michigan 48640 13-25-18-15

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**Hallelujah** We exult in the glory of the Birth of Our Lord. With thanks we greet this wondrous holiday.

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**ANIMAL FEASTS**

Ancient tradition has it that animals helped spread the joyous tidings of the Birth of Christ. Because of this, barnyard animals in many countries are served a special supper on Christmas eve.

Cattle kneel in their stalls at midnight, on Christmas eve, and for a moment have the power of speech. This belief, an old German legend, has been broadened to include all animals.

**WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE**

In 1923, the first National Community Christmas Tree in the United States was set up on the White House lawn. The tree was a spruce from President Calvin Coolidge's home state, Vermont.

The following year, he presided at a ceremony under the sponsorship of the American Forestry Association, to urge the use of living Christmas trees.

**Lavish Feast**

At Christmas, in the year 1492, when Columbus was spending his day in the New World, King Henry VII gave one of his most sumptuous feasts. The King (1485-1509), the Queen and members of the court dined on no less than 120 different dishes... with peacock as its climax! He observed holiday customs lavishly, to say the least, serving among the many delicacies a popular dish called "frumenty," made by adding sugar and spices to boiling hulled wheat.

**ROUND TABLE**

King Arthur's Round Table is traditionally believed to have been the site of the first Christmas feast. References to the famous king have been traced back to as early as 600 A.D.

**Planning, Budgeting For Better Holiday**

Organize your holiday plans as early as possible. Make up lists for shopping and gift-buying, entertaining needs, menus, and decorating needs. Plan a holiday budget. (It's much easier when you've made up necessary lists). Try to balance anticipated expenses against your family's income. Let the whole family take part in, or at least listen to, these budget discussions. Shop early. Take advantage of special sales and frequently lower costs in discount stores. Be sure, however, the prices really are lower. Check at several stores before buying. Pay cash whenever you can. Installment buying means interest or "carrying charges" that may amount to 12 to 18 percent of the purchase price—or more—annually. Know what you want before you shop and avoid impulse buying.

**Start Gift 'Series' For Good Friends**

For people to whom you give a gift regularly and probably often, why not start a series and add an item at a time: silver spoons, silver or china place settings, bracelet charms, pewter goblets, pearls for a necklace. And, for a specially loved child, don't forget the far-sighted stand-by—a U.S. government savings bond or a share of stock.

**Christmas in New Mexico**

New Mexico, Land of Enchantment, is so called because of the beauty of the land and the history of its people. The Spanish conquerors who came to the area from Mexico, in 1540, to search for legendary gold, found only six small villages where Indians lived. The conquerors named the Indians Pueblo, a Spanish word for village.

In New Mexico, at the Santa Domingo Indian pueblo, the Christmas season is honored with a four day long, sacred ritual dance. At 2 A.M. Christmas day

it starts. After midnight mass, the Indians gather inside the church, wearing colorful costumes decorated with everything from evergreen branches to fox tails.

The dancers carry on their ceremonials until dawn, when they move to their sacred plaza, where they continue dancing through the day.

The children dance on the second day, and on the third, the older members of the tribe take over.

The entire pueblo joins in day-long ceremonies on the last day, so ending this special celebration.



**PEACE**  
May this holiday be rich in brotherhood. We're grateful to you.

**The Coffee Cup**



Santa's pack is brimming with our good wishes and thanks.

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**Merry Christmas**

Blessed are they who see Christmas through the eyes of a child! May the breathless anticipation of Santa Claus renew our sense of wonder and joy, this happy season. Magical wishes and thanks for your patronage.

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**POSDAS**

It is customary in Mexico to have nine continuous days of what is called posadas, which are nine parties, one each night preceding Christmas. People dance at those parties and are given a small present by the host. It may be porcelain, with candy inside, or simply a small candy package wrapped in crepe paper. Mexicans have their Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve and not Christmas Day, usually after ten o'clock at night.



A village creche brings to life legends born on the night of the Nativity—legends of birdsong, cattle and blossoms among the hay. The Nativity scene with Mary and Joseph and the Babe in the manger, surrounded by the beasts of the stable and with Angels suspended over the scene. At one side are the shepherds, come down from the hills, and at the other side are the three wise men, all in attitudes of adoration. Soft lights glow on the holy scene and if, as occasionally happens, there is a fall of snow in the air, it is like a vision, an old, old truth revealed.

To see the Nativity scene at dusk is to see the old legends come to life. The legend of the birds, for instance. One legend says that the shepherds on the hilltop above Bethlehem were so weary that they didn't hear the angel who appeared with the joyous tidings. They were sound asleep. A small olive-gray bird sleeping in a bush nearby did awaken to hear the angel chorus. Knowing the importance of the angelic words, the birds flew down to the embers of the shepherd's campfire and fanned the coals to flame with its wings. The flames awakened the shepherds in time to hear the joyous tidings.

**Holly-Day Hum**

Sprigs of holly should be placed in beehives at Christmas. So says an old English Christmas tradition. This custom stems from the legend that, at the Manger, bees gathered to hum a hymn of joy.

**Burning the Yule Log**

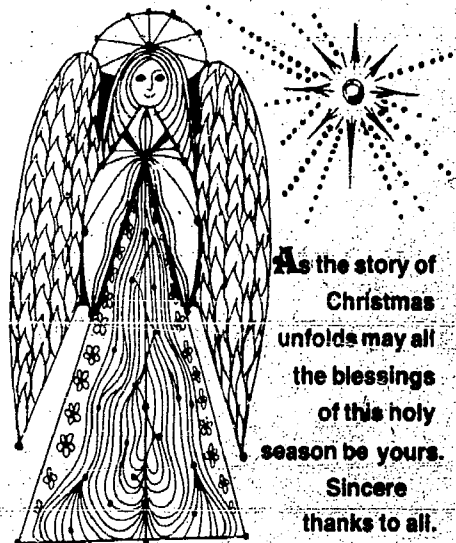
The burning of the Yule log is a custom handed down by the English who settled in America. On Christmas eve the log, set on the hearth, is kindled with the remains of the log from the previous year. Many superstitions surround the Yule log. It was thought by some to protect their home from evil spirits, others thought the ashes would help swollen glands! At Williamsburg Lodge, in Williamsburg, Virginia, the burning of the Yule log is still part of their traditional holiday celebration.

**Christmas Eve Legend**

In Iceland, Christmas Eve is the holiest night of the entire holiday season. Legend has it that on the night before Christmas, many years ago, dwarfs, elves and other "little folk" danced in the streets.



**Down River Pines**



As the story of Christmas unfolds may all the blessings of this holy season be yours. Sincere thanks to all.

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The spirit of Christmas is everywhere filling the world with happiness and joy. We hope your holiday is brimming with all good things.

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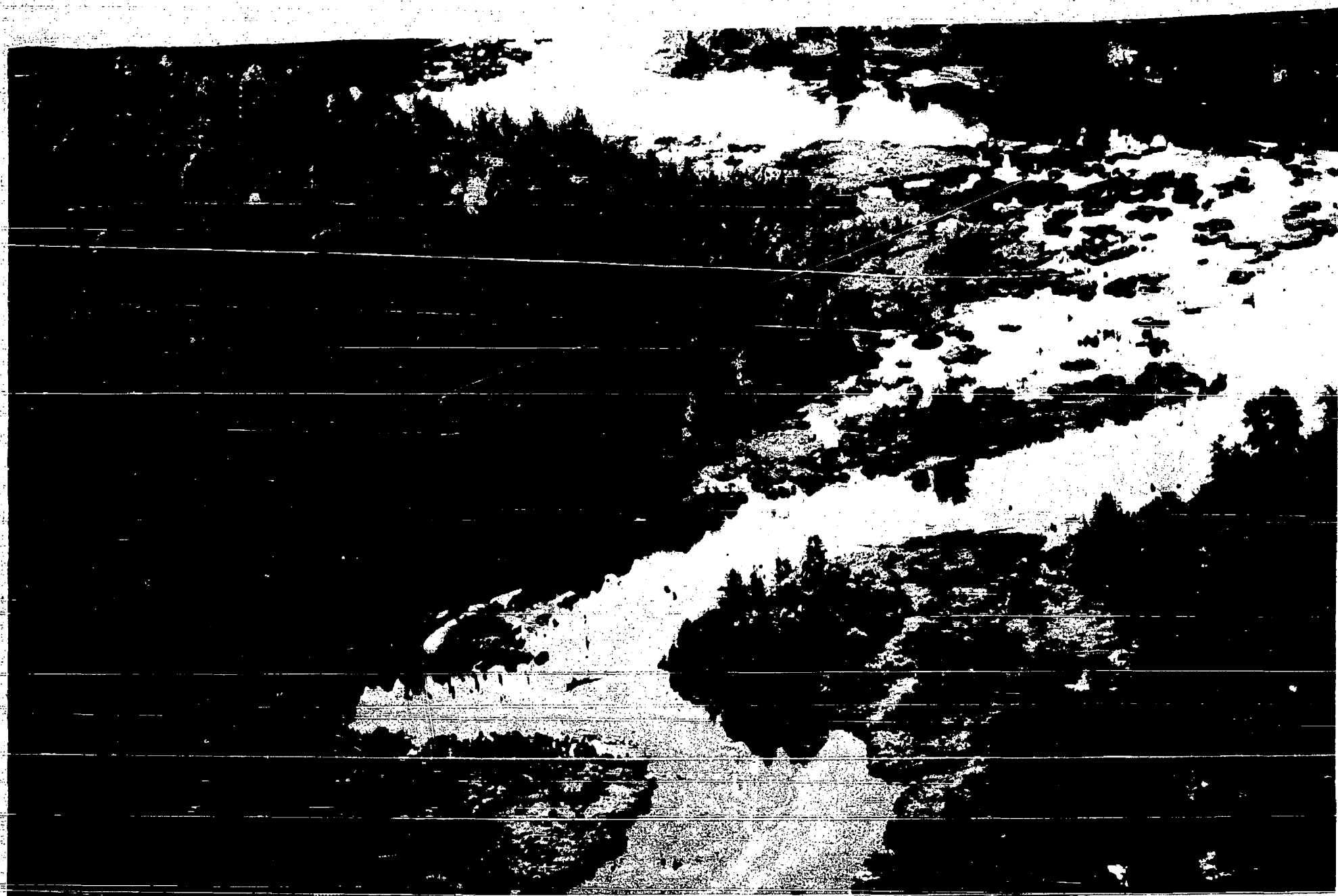
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**Christmas Joy**

May the true spirit of Christmas be reborn in your heart, bringing holiday joys and blessings to you and those most dear to you. Let us celebrate as we remember the night of the Savior's Holy Birth.

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## Some Plain Talk...

The only Grayling residents who can claim this area as their original ancestral home are the descendants of the Chippewa who lived here long before the white man came to cut the giant trees.

All of the rest of us moved up from down below; or down from up above or over from back east or from out west.

We built Pere Cheney a few miles southeast of town and then it disappeared.

We built Deward 15 miles north of town and it, too, disappeared.

So did Bucks Landing, Eldorado, Hardgrove, Judges, Sigsbee and Wellington. All have disappeared from Crawford County.

All of us moved here because we loved the country. We loved the forests, the streams, the lakes and the wildlife.

Let's all remember what we have before we throw it all away, or at least place it in serious jeopardy. We hope all of the employees of Bear Archery will consider the suggested NLRB election before they take that irrevocable step of going out on strike.

## Think about it ... You Owe It To Yourself!

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# Joyous Christmas



After nearly 2,000 years the Holy Birth  
remains a wondrous miracle to all.  
As we remember the joy of the Wise Men  
who sought and found the Christ Child in the manger,  
let us exult and offer thanks in celebration of His coming.  
May this sacred season bring the Light of Peace and Love  
into your heart and home.



## Christmas Cheer



Every day's a holiday being with our many friends. Thanks and best wishes for a Merry Christmas!

**McWILLIAMS BARBER SHOP**

## A joyous Christmas



We prescribe good times, good friends, good cheer for all our friends... Thank you for your trust and confidence.

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# Yule Customs of Europe's Laplanders Related to Lifestyle and Early Culture

There are today some 30,000 Laplanders of which approximately two-thirds live in Norway, one third in Sweden, and smaller numbers in Finland and Russia.

Lapps are closely associated with reindeer, on which they have depended for a large part of their livelihood since prehistoric times.

The early Lapp religion was shamanistic, featuring a priest, or shaman, who divined the secrets of good hunting, fishing, reindeer grazing, and other matters of importance to the people, while in a state of trance. Beautifully decorated "magic drums" were a means of inducing the trances and are characteristic of early Lapp culture.

## CHRISTIAN CONVERSION

Large scale conversion to Christianity did not occur among the Lapps until the 17th Century. This fact combined with the excessively tough conditions of the northern winter tended to prevent the development of Christmas customs as we know them — the church



LAPLANDERS AND REINDEER, their lives intertwined by nature for hundreds of years, provide an economical balance in northernmost Europe's subarctic regions. Lifestyle of Lapp with sled-pulling reindeer is contrasted by prop-driven airplane, while another Lapp affectionately pets a reindeer upon which he so heavily depends. Photos courtesy Royal Norwegian Embassy Information Service.

gatherings, decoration of homes and trees, the giving of gifts, and elaborate feasts. The Lapps' chief festivals came in spring and autumn with the occasions of marketing, when the products of the reindeer

herds and furs from hunting were exchanged for other products. However, 17th Century manuscripts describe one Lapp Christmas custom which has a parallel in many lands and which re-

## CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

On Christmas Eve there was a fast, and the food which would have been eaten was set aside. On Christmas Day this food, including samples of everything to be eaten on Christmas, was packed in a small boat-shaped basket of birch and hung upon a tree. In this manner the Yuletide People could partake of the feast like everyone else.

In modern times, with many Lapps living a more settled life in permanent communities, the observance of Christmas is becoming indistinguishable from that of other northern Scandinavians. Today's Christmas tree among the Lapps had its forerunner in the tree-hung sacrifice to the Yuletide People.

## Christmas Celebrations



Sending cards, shopping and gift giving are familiar parts of Christmas to Americans, but people of other countries celebrate the holiday season in many different ways.

In Armenia holiday customs are primarily religious, with the week before Christmas devoted to strict fasting. The fasting ends with Christmas communion after which each young man gives his sweetheart a special gift to show he can provide her with the necessities of life.

In Bulgarian farm communities the man of the house makes wishes for good health and good harvests on Christmas Day.

Czechoslovakians go caroling is popular at this time of the year and young girls play games to foretell the kind of husband they will have and where he will come from.

Christmas Eve (or nochebuena) is a night of gaiety for the Puerto Ricans. The feast that follows midnight mass consists of roast pig or asopao — a chicken and rice dish.

In Rumanian villages one of the most charming holiday sights is the procession of boys with six-pointed revolving star lanterns. The children gather at dusk and go through the streets and along winding lanes. They stop at each door and sing old carols about the star that shone above the stable at Bethlehem.

## Test Yourself With The Christmas Quiz

See how many of these questions about Christmas subjects you can answer. Check answers below and score yourself!

- The distance Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem was approximately:
  - 5 miles
  - 70 miles
  - 20 miles
- The origin of the word Noel is:
  - French
  - Spanish
  - German
- The words manger, creche, and crib all have the basic meaning of:
  - a cradle
  - a stable
  - a rack for feeding animals
- The population of Bethlehem at the most recent census was:
  - 25,000
  - 11,500
  - 49,000
- The Church of the Nativity was originally built by:
  - Roman Catholics
  - The Emperor Constantine
  - Greek Catholics
- The actual date of Jesus' birth was:
  - December 25th
  - a date undetermined
  - January 7th
- Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem because:
  - Mary's home was in Bethlehem
  - The Romans were taking census
  - Joseph had work in Bethlehem
- Reindeer are found:
  - all around the Arctic Circle
  - only in Northern Europe
  - all over the world
- The large-scale conversion of Laplanders to Christianity occurred:
  - in the 19th Century
  - in the year 330
  - in the 17th Century
- The best source of water in the Nazareth of Jesus' time was:
  - Mary's Well
  - the Mediterranean Sea
  - a Roman aqueduct

**ANSWERS**  
 1-b 2-a 3-b 4-b 5-b 6-b 7-b 8-c 9-b 10-c  
**SCORING:**  
 8 or better is excellent — go to the head of the class!  
 5 to 7 is average. Less than 5 — return one Christmas present!

## Climate Key to Time of Holy Birth

The evidence that the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem took place in the dry season, that is, before the onset of winter, depends to some extent on what we know about the climate of Palestine today, which, scholars believe, is not very different from what it was during the time of Jesus.

The annual mean temperature is a pleasant enough 62.8 degrees Fahrenheit, with a range from a high of 112 degrees to a low in winter of only 12 degrees.

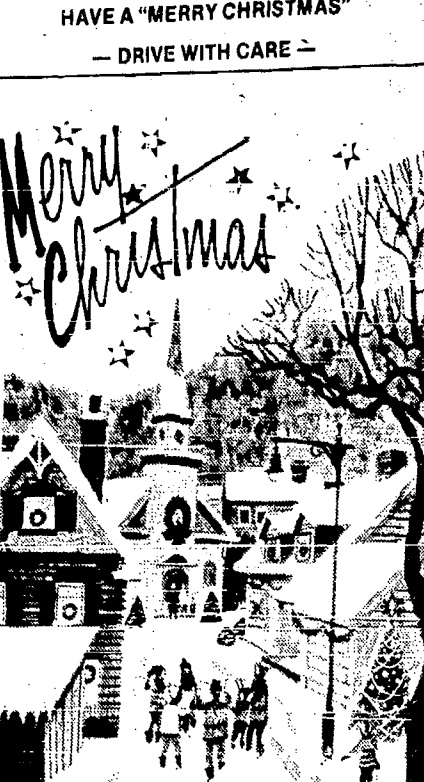
While the lowland plains, nearer the Mediterranean Sea, receive heavy rains from November to April, winter in the hills can bring biting frost, bitter winds and even snow.

Nazareth, the city of Jesus, was a town of some note in southern Galilee, near the western edge of the fertile plain of Esdraelon.

This area provides more clues to the time of the journey for scholars who look to the still fertile and well-watered hills of Galilee and into the less favored hill country of Judea, where the cultivation of grains, olives and vines tended to give way to the grazing of sheep, especially in the dry season.

So it can also be assumed that the holy journey was during the dry season by looking to the Bible in which Saint Luke says that in the same country were shepherds looking over their flocks.

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 Singing tidings of great joy  
 and thanks, and wishing  
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 that only Christmas brings.

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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

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# Merry Christmas



As families come together in love and warmth, we wish you and yours a most joyous Christmastide...hoping every delight of the Holiday Season will be yours!

**Grayling State Bank**  
 AND THE  
**Frederic Branch Office**

## Merry Christmas



Wishing you a holiday crammed full of the treasures and delights of a wonderful Yuletide! To you and yours, Merry Christmas.

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**Merry Christmas**

In the spirit of this festive holiday, we extend sincere thanks and warm wishes for a truly old-fashioned Christmas.

**Dad's Sporting Goods**

## Carols and Candles

Carols and candles bring added spirit and luster to Christmas.

The word "carol" comes from the middle English carole, meaning "to sing joyously." The majority of our most familiar carols date from the nineteenth century. Some researchers believe that carol singing could be a carryover from the Roman songs of the Saturnalia. Francis Scott Key, noted lawyer and author of The Star Spangled Banner, also wrote carols. It is little known that the comedian Harpo Marx, of the famous Marx Brothers, also authored a popular Christmas carol.

Caroling on Christmas Eve is a tradition brought to America by our English forbears, that delights us all at holiday time.

**CANDLES**—Special lighting effects as we now know them, elaborate and colorful at Christmas, started with the romantic glow of holiday candles. Placing lighted candles in the window on Christmas eve is believed to have started in Boston. There are elaborate electric light shows in almost all large American cities, but candles still sell in the millions, showing that Americans enjoy their soft glow and associations.

## The Legend of Befana

Families of Italian origin are familiar with Befana. In these days of woman's lib, it is interesting to hear about this legendary lady.

When the Three Kings were on their search for the Holy Child, they passed the house of Befana as she was sweeping and cleaning her house. In answer to her inquiry, they told her of their search. She asked to go with them, but they continued on their way without waiting for her to finish her chores. When Befana tried to overtake them she failed, and so was unable to worship the Holy Babe with them.

Since then, the woman Befana wanders the earth seeking her lost opportunity. Italian children believe Befana rides through the air on a broomstick, on the eve of January 6, which marks the Feast of Kings, still seeking the Christ Child. She goes down chimneys, leaving presents for the girls and boys, as the Wise Men brought gifts to the Holy Child.

In Russia, the same custom was once familiar, though the lady there was known as Babushka.

## Christmas Gesture

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894), author of "Treasure Island" and "Kidnapped," was born on November 13 but "gave" his birthday to a girl born on Christmas Day. Stevenson made a gift of his birthday to a child named Annie H. Ide, to let her have "two joyous celebrations a year, with a proper birthday and a Merry Christmas."

## Natural Decor for Christmas

The use of fresh, growing plants around the house for color and decoration has increased in almost staggering numbers... and there's really nothing lovelier to make a house look lived in. Combined with dried natural flowers and fruits they are perfect for the holidays. Here are a few ideas you may not have thought of, including some using traditional evergreens and mistletoe in not so traditional ways. With a little imagination, there's no end to the unusual Christmas decorations you can put together at home.

If you are lucky enough to have a bay or wide window, try massing pots of flowering plants together... poinsettias, azaleas, cyclamen, on a window seat or small table. Decorate the pots with Christmas cutouts from your favorite magazine or with holiday decals.

Polish your best silver bowl and fill it with dried Lunaria (Honesty is its more commonly known name) and fresh holly. The silver-white translucent Lunaria is a perfect foil for the vivid red holly berries.

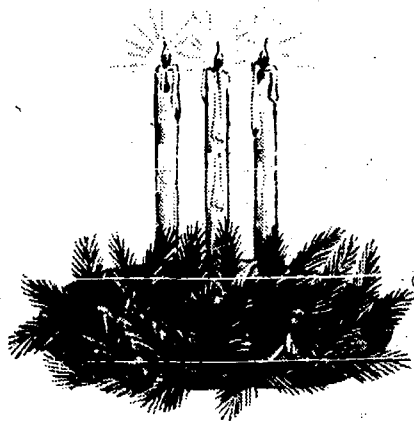
Your beach basket, lying idle in the pantry, makes a charming rustic holder turned on its side and filled with green apples and shiny red Christmas balls. Sprigs of evergreens in and around the apples add extra color.

Grandma's old butter churn will be rejuvenated, filled with bittersweet, cat-tails and evergreen.

Make a hanging mistletoe ball for a doorway by sticking sprigs of mistletoe into a round potato, in which you have pierced holes with a nail. Add a perky bow at the top and hang. The moisture in the potato will keep the mistletoe fresh!

For a unique surprise centerpiece, insert small cuts of evergreen into a long loaf of bread, covering it completely. Choose your loaf to suit your table shape and length. As with the mistletoe ball, the greens stay fresh longer because of the moisture in the bread. Add two or three candles to your centerpiece by pushing them down firmly at the top. Tiny tree ornaments can be added too.

Have fun! Hope your holiday is merry!



SURPRISE CENTERPIECE made from loaf of bread covered with greens.



GREEN APPLES AND SHINY RED Christmas balls spill out of peach basket for unusual decorative arrangement.

## EXTRA TREATS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY DINNER

**HOLLY WREATH SALADS**—Using chicory, make a wreath shape on individual salad plates. Scatter cherries or cranberries on chicory to look like holly.

**CANDLE SALAD**—Roll half a banana in colored sugar and set into a ring of pineapple. Take half of split unsalted almond, and stick into top of banana. The almond will actually burn for a minute or two when lit!

**PEPPERMINT ORANGES**—Roll fresh oranges gently on table top to soften, and cut small hole on the top of each one. Insert stick of peppermint candy. Small fry can suck the juice through the candy stick, making a double treat!

**FROSTY SNOWBALL MOLD**—Pour into a large mold, cranberry sauce that has been thickened with gelatin. When set remove from mold, onto salad greens, and decorate with tiny snowballs made of softened cream cheese.

## Calorie Counts to Help You Through the Holidays

With so many goodies surrounding us at holiday time, who wants to diet? It can be a bore. However, a little careful planning can keep you full and happy, and your waistline from expanding. We offer a few hints to help you beat "the battle of the bulge."

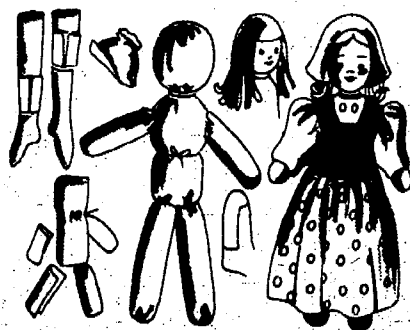
Calorie count is in parentheses:

6 shrimp (90)... 3½ ounces white wine and soda (85)  
... 5 artichoke hearts (55)... 10 pretzel sticks (30)...  
2 stuffed green olives (15)... 6 oysters (65)... 1 slice  
pumpnickel (80)... 1 nectarine (30)... 2 ounces rare  
roast beef (95)... 8 small gumdrops (35)... 1 teaspoon  
caviar (25)... 1 stalk celery (5)... 1 ounce camembert  
(85)... 1 8 oz. glass milk (160)... 1 good slice calves  
liver (75)... 1 cup cottage cheese (240)... 1 Ritz  
cracker (20)... 1 Wheat Thin (10)... water, try a quart  
a day (0)!

**HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

## Make a Stocking Doll for Someone You Love

There must be at least one or two little girls on your Christmas list who would love to own a stocking doll! Since it will be an unusual and original gift, it will be treasured twice as much. Simple directions here provide a basic doll that you can dress in any way you wish.



Using a stocking or long sock, cut the pieces as shown. Sew the bottom of the body and stuff with bean bags, kapok or cotton and then tie the neck. Take the head in at the back if it looks too large for the body. Sew arms and legs and attach. Tie body in middle to make a waistline. Use bright red thread to stitch mouth and nose and make button eyes. Attach wig piece and fringe at bottom or braid. Yarn can be used for the hair also. Dress doll in any way you choose. Story book characters like Heidi or Cinderella make charming dolls... costumes can be copied from a favorite book.

**HAVE A "MERRY CHRISTMAS"**  
— DRIVE WITH CARE —

## A Joyous Christmas



Thank you at this holiday season for your friendship and understanding. May the Spirit of Christmas light your way in peace and goodwill.

**Al & Jessies Restaurant**



**MILLER'S HARDWARE**

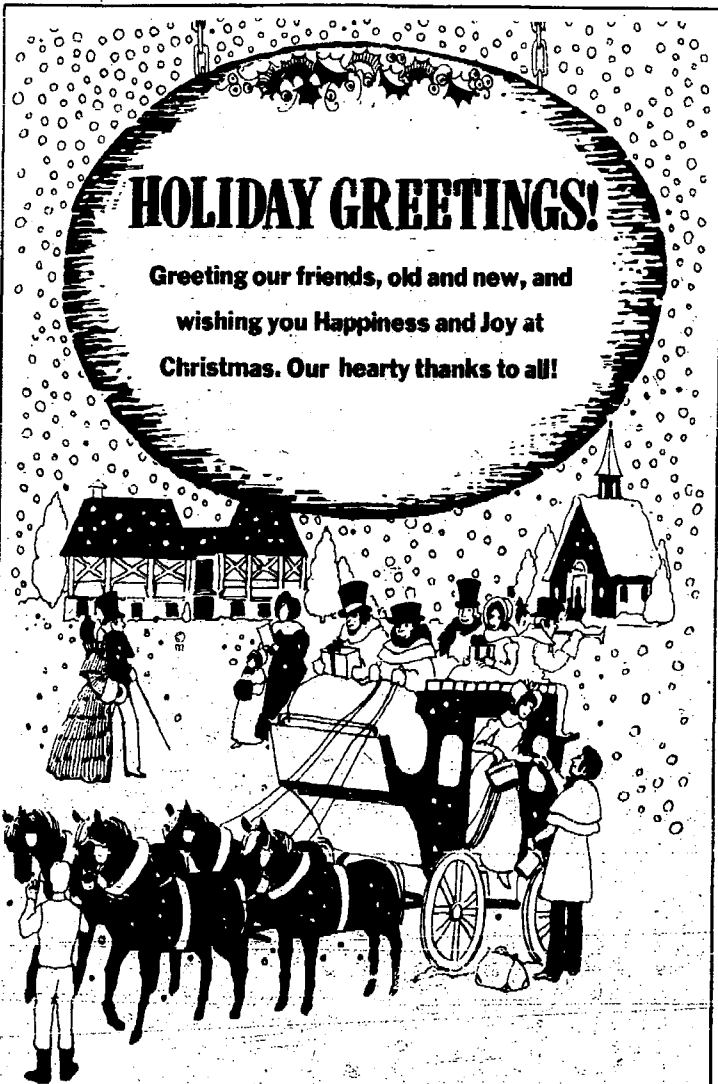


**Merry Christmas**

Jingle bells echo through this special night, pealing wishes of merriment and joy to all, from Santa and us.

**AUSABLE**  
**Woodworking Co.**

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## HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

Greeting our friends, old and new, and wishing you Happiness and Joy at Christmas. Our hearty thanks to all!

**Clair's Standard Service**



and on earth

**Peace..**

Once again we rejoice as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour... Prince of Peace. In this joyful spirit we say thank you to all our friends. May your Christmas be rich in peace and blessings.

**Grayling Insurance Agency**

**Joyous Greetings**  
May the blessings of  
Christmas be with  
you today and always.  
Thanks to you all.  
STARK'S  
**MARATHON SERVICE**



**HO HO HO!**



Santa's bright magic  
touches us all at Christmas. Tucked in  
among his gifts you'll find our thanks and  
special wishes for a wondrous Holiday!

**JACK MILLIKIN  
CONSTRUCTION**

**Merry Christmas**



Adding our  
warm thanks  
to Santa's list of  
holiday treasures  
for you,  
our friends.

**DAWSON'S**

## THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS IN BICENTENNIAL AMERICA

**THE BEGINNING** — On December 25, 1492, the history of Christmas started in the New World, when Columbus' ship, the Santa Maria, was abandoned off the coast of Haiti. In Virginia in the year 1613 a record by an expedition of Captain John Smith reads:

*The extreme winds, rays, frost and snow caused us to keep Christmas among the shacks where we were never more merry, nor fed on more plenty of good Oysters, Fish, Flesh, Wilde fowl and good bread, nor never had better fires in England.*

Settlers in Virginia brought many customs from England, the burning of the Yule log, ringing bells, lavish dining, dancing, games and Christmas carols. Churches and homes were decorated colorfully, and parties and balls were memorable.

The Pilgrim Fathers arrived in Plymouth some 7 years later, bringing with them their strong distaste for Christmas. Thanksgiving day, with its feasting and neighborly celebrations with friendly Indians, was more like Christmas.

In 1659, the General Court of Massachusetts enacted the law by which "anyone who is found observing, by abstention from labor, feasting, or any other way, any such days as Christmas day, shall pay for every such offense 3 shillings." However, the Puritans did not have their way for long and the anti-Christmas law was repealed in 1681.

**HAPPIER CHRISTMASSES** — The chief winter celebration of the jolly Dutch in New Amsterdam was on December 6, St. Nicholas' Day. Significantly enough, it was a figurehead of this very saint that graced their ship, the Goede Vrouw, that brought them to America in 1624.

On St. Nicholas feast day the Dutch carried his statue down the street, with children joining in... the promise of presents bright in their eyes.

Gradually, however, the increasing number of English in this area brought about the adaptation of many of the old customs; with the arrival of the first German dissenters in 1700, we find a tremendous increase in the observance of Christmas. It is with the Germans that the universal customs of Kriss Kringle or Santa Claus, and the Christmas tree originate.

The rapid growth of our country brought about less religious antagonism. The intermingling of people of different religious and national backgrounds also helped.

One of the more important historical events that took place on Christmas was the crossing of the Delaware by George Washington and his troops, in 1776, when they defeated the Hessians at Trenton, New Jersey. The Americans routed the redcoats who were sleeping off the effects of the holiday!

**Sunday Schools**, which had their beginning in the first half of the nineteenth century, helped to promote the acceptance of many folk customs, most importantly, Santa Claus and the use of the Christmas tree. Charles Dickens, in his beautiful classics, did much to popularize this colorful holiday, but it was some time before Christmas came to be celebrated as we know it now.

**THE HOLIDAY ON THE MOVING FRONTIER** — The advancing of the frontier westward took with it this welcome holiday. Turkey shoots, which provided fowl for the table, were very popular. Festivities were often wild and noisy.

Traditional Christmas were celebrated in the west, and in 1848, a German visitor to Texas writes about seeing a richly decorated and illuminated Christmas tree, in a territory held by Indians a short time before.

Firecrackers and the shooting of guns were a part of the southern Christmas that traveled as far north as southwest Pennsylvania. National groups who settled outside the thirteen colonies carried with them the old customs of their former homes. In New Orleans, the wanderings of the Three Kings was symbolized by

the French réveillons, gifts were for New Year's day.

In the southwest, Christmas celebrations were greatly influenced by the Spanish. Los Pastores, an old miracle play, with the eternal struggle of Good and Evil as its theme, was staged and has been revived on and off, through more recent years.

Christmas was recognized legally, first in Alabama in 1836, and by 1890 all states and territories acknowledged it as well. Christmas is the only annual religious holiday to receive this secular and official sanction.

**ENTER SANTA CLAUS** — In America, Santa Claus is known by three names—St. Nicholas, Kriss Kringle, and Santa Claus. St. Nicholas first appeared in the first half of the fourth century in Asia Minor, as Bishop of Myra. Many miracles are attributed to him and there are many legends that attest to his generosity. He was the protector of sailors aboard Dutch ships, as well as the patron saint of young people. The first Dutch church built in New York City was named for him.

Sinterklaas, as he was known to the Dutch, eventually became Santa Claus... his original red and white vestments became our modern red and white Santa costume.

The Germans and Swiss

who settled in Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century believed in the Christ child, who brought gifts to children on Christmas eve. English speaking settlers in neighboring areas transformed Christkindl into Kriss Kringle.

**POEMS AND PICTURES** Clement Clarke Moore is credited with creating the current Santa Claus image and story in his poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas." The poem, originally written for his children in 1822, has been published an endless number of times and is one of the most popular American poems.

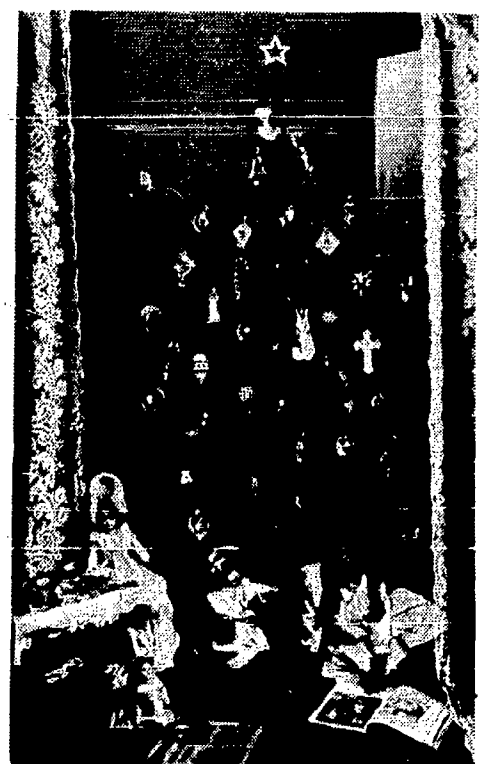
The fat, rosy-cheeked Santa we recognize today evolved from a series of cartoons by Thomas Nast, nineteenth century artist. His series of Christmas drawings showed too, how Santa spends his spare time through the year.

**AMERICA TODAY** — Americans today celebrate the Christmas holiday in many colorful ways. The tradition of this beautiful season is strong in America... north, south, east, west. Its warmth, which unites one and all in peace and brotherhood, has been and will be a unifying force for all time.

Let us all celebrate  
Christmas in America!



"MERRY OLD SANTA." Illustration from Christmas Drawings for the Human Race by Thomas Nast, 1890. Courtesy of The New-York Historical Society, New York.



HOME INTERIOR SCENE, Loomis, California. Christmas about 1919. Possibly the home of the photographer. Photograph courtesy of The Oakland Museum, Oakland, Calif.

### Taking Care of Your Holiday Plants

Plants are living gifts. To keep them going for the holidays and after, here are some tips:

**Azalea:** Keep moist and cool. After flowers fade, cut them back a little. They can summer out-of-doors and should be fed monthly until the early fall.

**Christmas Pepper:** Keep in full sun with moist soil, but cool. Summer outdoors.

**Cyclamen:** Keep cool, and in full sun (55° or cooler). Keep soil moist and mist daily. Dry out as flowers fade. Rest in shade outdoors. Growth will be restored in late summer by watering.

**Kalanchoe:** Keep in full sun allowing the soil to dry out between waterings. Cut back after flowering and rest in shade in summer with infrequent watering. To start regrowth in late summer, feed and move in to full sun.

**Poinsettia:** Keep in full sun but out of drafts and keep soil moist. Water deeply until red bracts drop, then reduce watering and cut back. Feed every month and summer outdoors. Prune leggy shoots and bring indoors before first frost. From October 1 to Thanksgiving, keep in complete darkness from sunset to sunrise, to start flowers.



**Greenery and glitter, turkey and treats, love and laughter, that's what holidays are made of. Hope your Christmas is the best!**

**Goodale's Bakery**


**Happy Holidays**



A Christmas bells ring out their symphony of joy, we echo their glad message with wishes for a happy holiday season, for you and those you hold dear.

**THE GRAYLING HOUSE**

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**



May the old fashioned delights of Christmas make yours a wonderful holiday.  
Our sincere thanks for your friendship.

**ART CLOUGH "REAL ESTATE"**



**for Christmas**

Wishing you the finest joys of a bright and happy Christmas... with much appreciation.

**Bill's Standard Service**

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

Wishing you all the blessings of a Joyous Holiday Season.



YOUR CRAWFORD COUNTY OFFICIALS

**Leo E. Lovely**  
COUNTY CLERK

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REGISTER OF DEEDS

**Joseph V. Wakeley**  
COUNTY TREASURER

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SHERIFF

**John B. Huss**  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

**Emil L. Kraus**  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

**Francis L. Walsh**  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

**Christmas Joy**



As all celebrate the wonder of Jesus Birthday and cherish its eternal message, we say thanks for the gift of your friendship.

**DAVIS JEWELRY**

## Western Style WHITE CHRISTMAS



CAN YOU GUESS WHERE the photograph above was taken? Maine? Vermont? Upper New York State? Actually, it was taken in what we have come to associate in our minds as "sunny California!" Photograph courtesy of The Oakland Museum, Oakland, California.

The romantic and beautiful snow scene above, so typical of Christmas and Santa's world, was taken in Loomis, California, about 1919.

Loomis is northeast of the capital city of Sacramento. Sacramento itself embraces the site on which Captain John A. Sutter, in 1839, arrived and started building the adobe house that became famous as Sutter's Fort. This seemingly undramatic act set the stage for the colorful and turbulent gold rush.

California is a land of stark contrasts. Tropical flowers bloom in mid-winter in the south, and oranges ripen within sight of snow-capped mountains. Only a few hours away from snow-covered ski trails, bathers sun on sandy beaches.

The Sierra Nevada, the coldest part of the state, has experienced freezing temper-

atures even in the summer. Winters are long and severe and some of the peaks are snow covered all year. Although snow is nearly unknown in the valleys of the central and southern coast, at Tamarack, in the Sierra Nevada, the yearly snowfall averages about 454 inches.

Early in 1960, the winter Olympic Games were held in Squaw Valley, high among the Sierra Nevada mountains. Athletes from about 30 countries competed.

Christmas in California has many moods—like its weather and geography. Spanish and Mexican traditions and customs flavor the holiday as well as those brought to the west, when the frontier was settled.

California's ever-growing population draws together at Christmas, in the spirit of peace and brotherhood that mark this holiday all over our great nation!

## Christmas Eve Tree Trimming Snack

Tree trimming is twice as much fun when everyone pitches in! When the last star is in place and it's time to relax and admire your lovely tree, a cup of cheer and a slice of holiday bread will be welcome.

### Mulled Fruit Punch

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| 1 - 46 oz. can orange fruit punch | 8 whole allspice        |
| 1 - 46 oz. can apricot nectar     | 8 inches stick cinnamon |
|                                   | 1/2 lemon-sliced thin   |

Combine all ingredients in large saucepan; bring to boil. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand for 1/2 hour. Reheat and strain spices out. Garnish with orange slices studded with cloves, after pouring into punch bowl. Makes about 20 servings, punch cup size.

### Bubbly Cranberry Punch

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| 2 cans jellied cranberry sauce (16 oz. size) | 1 1/2 cups orange juice                             |
| 1/2 cup lemon juice                          | 2 large bottles chilled ginger ale (28 oz. bottles) |

Beat cranberry sauce until smooth and stir in lemon and orange juices. Empty several trays of ice cubes into a punch bowl and pour mixture over them. Carefully add ginger ale and mix. Serve in punch cups. About 20-25 cups.



### Yummy Frosted Holiday Bread

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| 1 - 13 3/4 oz. pkg. hot roll mix                 | 1/2 cup mixed candied fruits     |
| 3/4 cup warm water                               | 1 cup white raisins              |
| 1 egg  | 1/2 tsp. ground cardamom         |
| 2 tbsp. granulated sugar                         | 1 cup sifted confectioners sugar |
| 2 tbsp. butter melted (margarine, if you prefer) | 2 tbsp. light cream              |
|  | Candied cherries                 |
|  | Sliced almonds                   |

Sprinkle yeast from hot roll mix over warm water, in large bowl. Stir to dissolve. Add egg, granulated sugar and butter, mix well. Stir in fruit, raisins, cardamom, and flour mix from hot roll mixture. Cover; let rise in warm place about 45 minutes, till mixture about doubles. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead 10 strokes. Shape into ball; place in 9-inch pie plate and flatten. Let rise about 30 minutes, till doubled. Bake in 375° oven for about 30-35 minutes, covering with foil if it browns too quickly. Remove from pie plate and cool on rack. Mix together the sifted confectioners sugar and cream; drizzle over bread. Trim with candied cherries and almonds in wreath shape. Perfect for serving after tree trimming.

## Tips to Make Yule Brighter

The Christmas card made from a photograph of children or family group is highly popular as a means of bringing a sense of togetherness to relatives and friends when geographical separation makes the real thing impossible.

The best time for such pictures, naturally, is when presents are being opened and the family group is together, sharing and showing their joy in Christmas surprises.

A good second opportunity may be found when the family is gathered at the table for Christmas dinner. Other possibilities include "stockings hung by the chimney with care" and children playing, indoors or out, with new gifts.

Whatever subject you choose, better do it today—tomorrow may be too late to capture the best "shots" to share with others.

In most cases, Christmas cards become waste paper. Before you consign this year's cards to the trash can, consider removing personal messages from them and turning them over to a church or other group whose members devote their time to creating attractive scrap-books with the cards.

Many beautiful and colorful cards, carefully selected and arranged in these inexpensive and easy-to-make scrap-books, provide hours of enjoyment to older people and others whose activity is curtailed for one reason or another.

You might enjoy making a scrap-book for yourself. Whatever the case, the second life given these Christmas and greeting cards can be rewarding and useful.

Christmas novelties, glass ornaments and tinsel decorations, from America and abroad, will enjoy great popularity during the 1975 Yuletide season.

People are celebrating with more non-electrical decorations, such as ornaments made from household items, glass deer which replace the usual home lighting and candles, homemade or bought.

The trend represents a return to home living, a more provincial way of life. This resurgence of a country-type lifestyle and family togetherness becomes most obvious during the holidays.

**Christmas Wishes**



Dreams of the Sugar Plum Fairy and beautiful imaginings fill the night. May all your dreams come true!

**MARILYN'S HAIR BOUTIQUE**

**Christmas Blessings**



Extending our thanks and heartfelt prayers for a holiday filled with the true gifts of Christmas—Love, Peace, Goodwill.

**Jansen's Plumbing**

**GIVE TO CHRISTMAS SEALS.**

IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND BREATH.

**Greetings**



Christmas brings warm hearts, happy voices and laughter, shared with those we hold most dear. We join the holiday merriment with cheery wishes and thanks to you and yours!

**Larry and Joan's Place**  
M-72 at Wakeley Bridge Road

**Christmas Chimes**



Holiday bells ring out with Christmas happiness and joy... and our deep appreciation to all our kind patrons.

**BILL HART FORD, INC.**





**PLAZA BAR**

The season is so jolly and so gay your loyal patronage is warmly appreciated.



**christmas greetings**

A driving good time to follow everywhere.

**AUTOMOTIVE PARTS & SUPPLY**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

HOLIDAY BELLS ring out a message of happiness and joy and glad Christmas.

**GRAYLING REEL CO., INC.**



**GREETINGS**

As hills and valleys echo the wonderful sounds of Christmas, they echo too, our sincere gratitude for your warm and valued friendship.

**Happy holidays!**

**Banquet's Party Store**  
and Food Service

## Letters to 'Santa' Overflow Mailbox



The Most Famous Resident in the town of Santa Claus, Indiana, population 300, is Santa Claus himself who receives well over 100,000 letters annually from children across the country and around the world. As Santa Claus in costume and Jim Yellig out of it, a 42-year career has been devoted to making sure letters are answered.

There's something special about Santa Claus in a small southern Indiana town where the famous Christmas legend has become somewhat of an everyday reality.

This town with a population of about 300 year-round residents, and a family of deer, is the jolly old gent's namesake home — Santa Claus, Indiana — as well as the home of his helpers and the location of his overflow mailbox.

A unique landmark at Santa Claus is the U.S. Post Office near the intersection of Indiana highways 102 and 245, and next to the entrance to Santa Claus Land.

There is nowhere in the world where you can find a post office like this one — its architecture is that of a stone-fronted fairyland castle in design and while the community has built up the mailbox, the round residents this post office each year is flooded with about four million pieces of mail. The bulk of all this mail comes around Christmas time to receive the cherished Santa Claus postmark. Still others arrive addressed simply to "Santa Claus, 45799."

Letters addressed to "Santa Claus" represent the tens of thousands of children's "wish lists" that foretell visions of Christmas morning promise cook-

**THE SIMPLE SWAG**  
The swag is no more than an artistic arrangement of a few evergreen branches (usually oak) making a simple, swag-like shape. A simple swag can be made by wiring a few long evergreen branches together, then attaching more, bells or ribbons where the branches are tied. To make a shaped swag, such as an oval, heart, star, etc., the desired shape is wired out first. Branches are then wired on, and a wreath or swag can be made by fastening branches to a long strip of wire or heavy cord and used over a mantel or door. Lighted evergreen swags are good, with each branch having its own light.

## Christmas Trees For Ecology

Many people believe that the cutting of trees for Christmas "robs" nature and destroys a portion of our environment. But the truth is that nearly three-quarters of such trees are raised specifically to be cut at Christmas time. Most of the remainder are thin, mature young trees cut in forests to improve the growth opportunities for other trees.

Forestry experts and nurserymen point out that young, growing trees give off more oxygen and absorb more carbon dioxide than mature ones, so that the cultivation of Christmas trees actually helps the ecology. In contrast, they say, the manufacture of artificial trees uses up valuable energy and natural resources, which are not recoverable.

## Word 'Manger' Has 2 Meanings

The Bible tells us that the newly-born Christ-child was "laid in a manger." The word "manger" is a word derived from the French "manger" or "frank" to hold animal feed. It is interesting that the other common English word for a feeding trough, "manger," is derived from the Latin "manger" and a place where a baby's bed.

Even the French word "manger," which is often used to describe the "manger" scene depicted in churches, is derived from the Latin "manger" and a place where a baby's bed.

## Italian Foods at Christmas Vary According to Regions

Feasting is an integral part of the Christmas celebration, symbolizing not only rejoicing at the coming of Christ but also the spirit of sharing and brotherly love, which is characteristic of the season. Like so many other aspects of Christmas, it is a blend of Christian and pre-Christian traditions, strongly influenced by local customs.

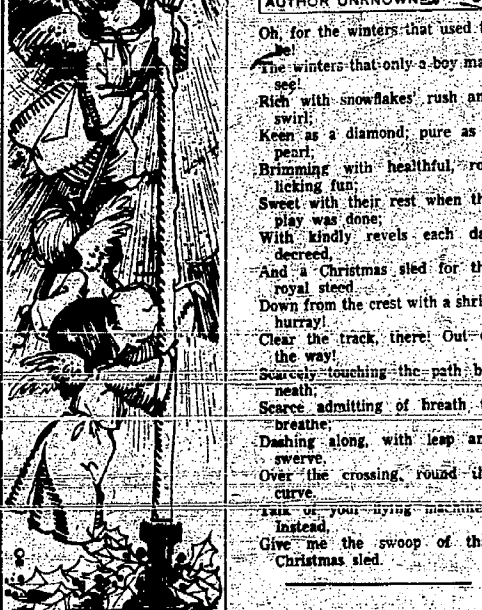
In Italy the custom of the Christmas feast varies widely depending on the region. In the north, for example, the meal may begin with cappelletti ("little hats"), stuffed with meat or tortellini, a sort of ravioli, followed by a main dish of meat, which may be anything from roast turkey with chestnut stuffing to salsiccia, a pork sausage packed in a pig's leg smothered with lentils.

In the area around Rome, the traditional dish of Christmas Eve is "cappone," a large female chicken, roasted, baked, or fried, following a religious tradition which prescribes a meatless dinner on Christmas Eve, the Vigilia, or Christmas vigil. In accordance with this tradition, the Roman fish market, held the night of December 23rd, is a peculiar feature of the Christmas observance.

In the south of Italy, the feasting usually begins with macaroni with meat and tomato sauce, followed by chicken or meat in jelly.

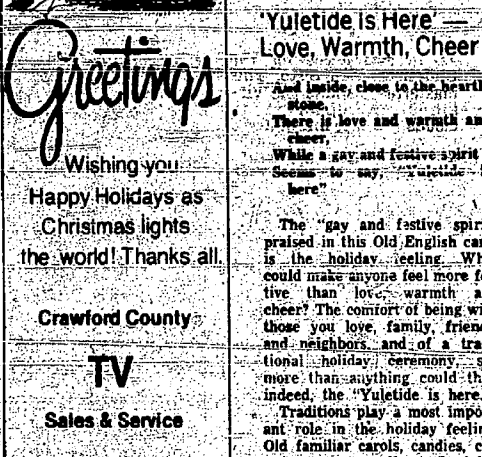
Particularly characteristic of Christmas feasting in all regions are sweets, fruitcakes of various types (panettone), and other sweets in which nuts and honey figure prominently.

The Christmas season coincides with the lengthening day and the beginning of the New Year, and from ancient times has been a symbol of fertility and a promise of the next year's harvest, also representing hope for increase in herds and flocks, and the family, as well. The use of honey, the most common sweetener in ancient Rome, was a traditional way of conveying the wish that the new year might be as sweet as the gift.



**The Christmas Sled**  
AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Oh, for the winters that used to be  
The winters that only a boy may see!  
Rich with snowflakes' rush and swirl,  
Keen as a diamond, pure as a pearl,  
Brimming with healthful, rollicking fun,  
Sweet with their rest when the play was done,  
With kindly revels each day decreed,  
And a Christmas sled for the royal steed,  
Down from the crest with a shrill  
Clear the track, there! Out of the way!  
Scarcely touching the path beneath,  
Scarcely admitting of breath to breathe,  
Dashing along with leap and swoop,  
Over the crossing round the curve,  
Ask of your dying machines,  
Instead,  
Give me the swoop of that Christmas sled.



**Greetings**

Wishing you  
Happy Holidays as  
Christmas lights  
the world! Thanks all.

**Crawford County**

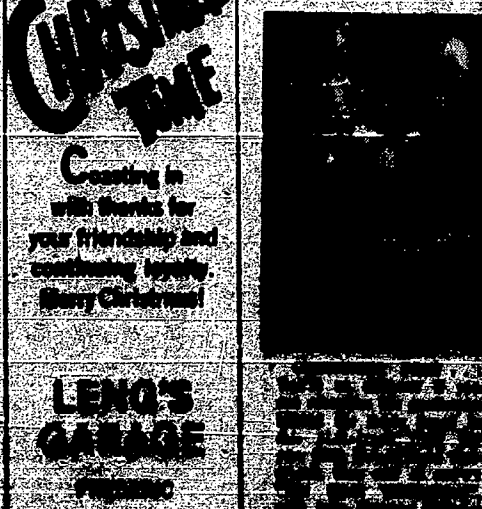
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Sales & Service



**IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME**

Counting in with thanks for your friendship and continuing loyalty.  
**Happy Christmas!**

**LENQ'S GARAGE**  
FORDS




**THE SEVENTH DATE**  
The 25th of December is the 50th most Christian name ever agreed upon as the best time to celebrate the birth of Christ. However, when the calendar is turned, there now is a long time in coming. As a matter of fact, Dec. 25th is the seventh date used by Christians for their celebration. Earlier dates were January 6th (the "Epiphany"), February 2nd, March 25th, April 19th, May 25th and November 17th. The present day was adopted by all Christians except Armenians in the year 336. Armenians still observe Jan. 6th.



**Christmas Wishes**  
for everlasting peace and joy.

**Sorenson Funeral Home**



**JOY**

Heavenly Christmas blessings and joy to friends young and old. For kindness shown to us, gratitude.

**FLOWERS BY JOSIE**  
PHONE 348-4006 JOSEPHINE MCEVERS



**Christmas**

Fill this season with laughter, good will and song. Warm thanks from us to all.

**Hoerl's Decorating**  
DOC & DARLENE LATUSZEK



**REJOICE**

Christ the Son is born again! As you celebrate, may all your prayers and hopes be fulfilled bringing you peace and contentment. Our sincere thanks and best wishes for a most joyous Christmas.

**South Bend Laundromat**  
821 S. Main Street and Family



# GREETINGS



*Glad voices ring out with every good wish for a glorious Yuletide.*

*We chime in with our thanks.*

## GAMBLES OF GRAYLING



# Rejoice

*As the world celebrates the coming of Christ, we rejoice and give thanks for our many blessings.*

## Crawford County Federal Credit Union

227 Michigan Avenue

# "NOEL, NOEL"

*Happy voices sing out the special music of this blessed holiday season. May they bring you love, joy and peace throughout Christmas. Many thanks to all our friends.*



## Christmas joy



**DON'S PIPE SHOP**

Let us take a moment to wish you and yours all the happiness and good cheer that this Yuletide season brings. We appreciate your friendship and generous support.

### Christmas Is Dedication Time

The birth of Jesus, which we commemorate, never down the centuries has lost its meaning. The manger, bedded with straw, Mary with the newborn baby, the shepherds and Wise Men, and the quiet figure of Joseph marked the beginning of a light that was to shine all over the earth. In this troubled generation mankind needs this light. It is time to dedicate ourselves to peace and goodwill. Most of us feel we cannot influence the nation's destiny, but we can all practice kindness and gentleness in our own neighborhood and our own town. We can all help someone, and Christmas is the time to remember this.

The giving of gifts began with the birth of Jesus, and as packages pile under trees we need to think of the meaning of giving. The only real value in any gift is the thought behind it, for a gift means "I think of you; I care about you." The race to give more and more expensive things is deplorable, and especially bad for children, who can easily get in the habit of wanting more and bigger toys.

**MAY CHRISTMAS BRING TO YOU THE MUSIC OF LAUGHTER, THE WARMTH OF FRIENDSHIP AND THE SPIRIT OF LOVE.**

### French Bake A Yule Log

No French Christmas celebration would be complete without a "bûche de Noël," the traditional Christmas cake baked and decorated to look like a Yule log:

6 egg whites — let egg whites warm to room temperature.  
 1/4 cup sugar  
 6 egg yolks  
 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa  
 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
 dash of salt  
 Confectioners' sugar

In a large electric-mixer bowl, at high speed, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Add 1/4 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons at a time, beating until stiff peaks form. With same beaters, beat egg yolks at high speed, adding remaining 1/4 cup sugar — again 2 tablespoons at a time. Beat until mixture is very thick — about 4 minutes. Beat in cocoa at low speed, add vanilla and salt. With a wire whisk or rubber scraper, gently fold the cocoa mixture into the beaten egg whites, just until they are blended. Grease bottom of a 15 1/2 by 10 1/2 by 1 inch jelly roll pan; line with waxed paper; grease paper lightly. Spread batter evenly in pan and bake in preheated 375 degree oven for about 15 minutes — just until surface springs back when gently pressed with fingertip. Sift confectioners' sugar in a 15 by 10 inch rectangle on clean linen towel. Turn cake out on sugared towel; lift off pan; peel paper off cake. Roll up, jelly-roll fashion, starting with the short end — towel and all. Cool completely on rack, seam side down for at least 1/2 hour. Now make the filling:

1 1/2 cups heavy cream, chilled  
 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar  
 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa  
 2 teaspoons instant coffee  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine the ingredients in medium bowl. Beat with electric mixer until thick — if you make it ahead — refrigerate. Now unroll cake, spread with filling to 1 inch from edge; reroll. Place seam side down on plate — cover loosely with foil. Refrigerate 1 hour before serving. To serve: sprinkle with confectioners' sugar and decorate with angelica and cherries. Serves 10. You make the chocolate log a week ahead, then freeze it, wrapped in foil. Let stand at room temperature to thaw for about 1 hour before serving.

## Holiday Cheer

Joy is not in things, it is in us.

Wagner

Cheerfulness and content are great beautifiers, and are famous preservers of youthful looks.

Dickens

We do not know how cheap the seeds of happiness are, or we should scatter them oftener.

Lowell

What signifies wishing and hoping for better times? It may make these times better if we bestir ourselves.

Franklin

You were made for enjoyment, and the world was filled with things which you will enjoy, unless you are too proud to be pleased by them, or too grasping to care for what you cannot turn to other account than mere delight.

Ruskin

Every day that is born into the world comes like a burst of music, and rings itself all the day through; and thou shalt make of it a dance, a dirge, or a life march, as thou wilt.

St. Francis de Sales

# Merry Christmas



With hearts full of wonder at the eternal beauties of Nature, we savour the magic of Christmas and its eternal meaning. In the holiday spirit of love and understanding, we wish all our friends joy and peace.

**Bear Archery**

And

**The Fred Bear Museum**



There is a pretty legend which relates that the history of the Christmas tree dates back to the ninth century, when a certain Saint Winfred went to preach Christianity to the people in Scandinavia and Northern Germany. One Christmas Eve these people were gathered round a huge oak to offer a human sacrifice, according to the Druid rites; but Saint Winfred hewed down the great tree, and, as it fell, there appeared in its place a tall young fir. When Saint Winfred saw it, he said to the people:

"Here is a new tree, unstained by blood. See how it points to the sky! Call it the tree of the Christ Child. Take it up now, and carry it to the castle of your chief. Henceforth you shall not go into the shadows of the forest to hold your feasts with secret and wicked rites. You shall hold them within the walls of your own home, with ceremonies that speak the message of peace and good will to all. A day is coming when there shall not be a home in the north wherein, on the birthday of Christ, the whole family will not gather around the fir-tree in memory of this day and to the glory of God."

Since the passing of these days, the custom of the Christmas tree has found its way into the remotest corners of the earth. Its significance and purpose have been crystallized in Christian minds and hearts, and yet there remains here and there the observance of certain quaint customs at Christmastide.

### Three Kings' Day Party Occasion

On Dreikonigstag, or Three Kings' Day, bands of children in grotesque costumes go around from farm to farm. They sing nonsense verses about the Kings and receive gifts of coins and cakes.

Three Kings' Day is a party occasion in Belgium. There is always a cake of the Kings. This is no ordinary party cake. As in Portugal, it contains a dried bean and the child who discovers it in his portion receives royal honors for the day.

The King chooses a Queen or, if a girl finds the bean, she names a King. The royal pair receives gold paper crowns and robes that are often pieced together from purple, orange, or scarlet scraps.

The young King and Queen rule the party. Whatever they do the court imitates. Whenever the royal pair laughs, for example, the courtiers shout, "The King laughs! The Queen laughs!" and burst out laughing. When the two sneeze, everyone sneezes; when they dance, everyone dances.

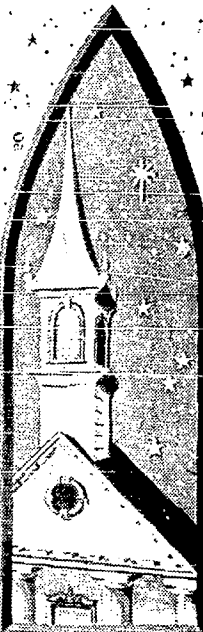
### Mistletoe for Luck

Today, mistletoe is hung in doorways at holiday time. Kissing beneath it brings good luck to those fortunate enough to meet there.

In ancient times, it was believed that mistletoe had more control over luck, good and bad. A bit of mistletoe hung over a doorway was said to ward off evil.

A later belief held that mistletoe boughs hung for Christmas had to be removed by Candlemas Eve (February 1), or each leaf would bring forth a goblin to harass the household for the rest of the year.

**O holy night...**



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